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## EDITORIAL.

### THE USE OF OTHER MEN'S THOUGHTS.

We are entitled to the use of the thoughts of those who have gone before us in the ministry; but as honest preachers we are to take these thoughts and digest them until they become a part of our own thinking. This sort of process puts the legitimate stamp of our own mental individuality upon the results of other men's thinking, and in a certain sense the outcome is practically original. We read, meditate upon and ponder the thoughts of others until we digest and assimilate them, and thus they become our own possession. We work them into our own forms of thinking, and they stimulate and suggest kindred thoughts, and by this method we increase our stock of knowledge and widen the horizon of our moral and mental vision. This is the proper way to feed the mind and to develop our intellectual powers. This is the only legitimate use that we can make of the thoughts of other men in our preparations for the highest order of pulpit work. To this end we want to read the sermons, the essays, the lectures and the good books of those who are the masters in their special departments that we and our people may become the beneficiaries of their labors. But as preachers we want to be careful to use these labors honestly and profitably.

There is such a thing as literary theft among men of letters. We call it plagiarism. We have no right to sit down and deliberately commit to memory the sermon, or the lecture, or the essay, of some other man, and then go into our pulpit and deliver it as the product of our own brain and labor. There are two reasons why this ought not to be done. 1. It is the use of some other man's work without giving him due credit for it. Hence it amounts to the appropriation of something that in reality does not belong to us. The man who is guilty of this is not mentally honest. He is guilty of purloining the property of another. 2. He does himself an injustice by becoming the slave of another man. He copies the work of another as an act of memory, and he dwarfs his own powers. He degenerates in mental vigor and places an obstruction in the way of growth and development. He is in the exact attitude of the student who depends upon a "key" in his mathematical work or a "pony" in his Latin and Greek work. Such a student is a copyist, but he will never make a mathematician or a linguist. Neither will the man make a preacher, in the true meaning of the term, who merely commits to memory the labors of other men. He will become as mechanical as a phonograph.

We feel impelled to thus write in the interest of our young men in the ministry. The book stores and news stalls are full of sermonic and homiletical literature, and we have heard of several leading men in more than one Northern city who are actually engaged in the cold-blooded work of preparing sermons to order for young men throughout the country who are either too indolent to produce sermons

of their own, or they have not the ability to produce them. No young man can afford to improperly avail himself of temptations of this character. If he is ever to amount to anything in his high and holy calling, he must do his own reading, thinking and meditating until the results of his labors pass in a digested form through his own intellectual processes and methods of thought. In this way he can use the work of others without running the risk of becoming a plagiarist or impairing his own mental faculties.

### ESCHEW FAULTS, BUT CULTIVATE VIRTUES.

Faults that have not resolved themselves into vices are the accidents of character. They grow like mistletoe upon the trunks and branches of certain trees. They add nothing to one's life in the way of beauty or efficiency, but if the life is strong and noble we overlook its faults because of its goodness and strength. We know that these defects are minor and that they only exist on the surface. We tolerate them in otherwise great men, but even then we do not approve them. Character is broader and more attractive without them. They detract from rather than enhance excellence. Not so with virtues of a high order. They are a part and parcel of true and noble character. They are the soil out of which character grows and flourishes, and from them such character receives the symmetry of its proportions and the beauty of its complexion. These virtues are not akin to mistletoe, but live in the fiber, the sap, the foliage, the flower and the fruit of life. They make up life in the sum total of its nobility and greatness. They not only manifest themselves upon the surface, but they are rooted in the texture of moral and intellectual worth. They are the glory of genuine manhood and the sanctity of exalted womanhood.

It is an easy matter to copy the faults of those whom we admire, because these faults live upon the surface, but it is difficult to absorb virtues, because these exist deeper than the mere copying process is able to go. Elbert E. Munsey, of Holston, was the greatest orator we ever heard. We have seen thousands hang upon his eloquence with an intensity that was indescribable. And he was a great student. But he had one fault, and that was, in his fits of abstraction, he would unconsciously pluck out his hair. The result was that his head looked like a peeled onion. We knew a good but ordinary preacher in that conference with a head of hair like a shock of wheat, and he came to one of the sessions with a patch of hair as big as the palm of your hand picked off the side of his head. The best he could do was to copy the only prominent fault in Munsey's make-up. Sam Jones has some of the real touches of greatness, but his faults are numerous. His slang in the pulpit and on the platform is execrable; but more preachers have been injured by copying this fault in the past decade than by any other one hurtful influence. They pass over his elements of real excellence and copy the very excrescences that have impaired his usefulness.

Thousands of good people tolerate these faults in him because of his real merit, but they abhor them in those who copy them and try to palm them off as original. They are things to be repented of and gotten rid of rather than to be possessed by imitation. Only the excellent and noble qualities of good and great people are worthy of our study and emulation. We ought to think upon these and as far as possible absorb them until they become ours by practice and assimilation. But in all conscience we have faults enough of our own without trying to copy those of other people. The man who does this is either an ignorant or coarse buffoon, and in either case he is sadly in need of radical reformation. Therefore in the pulpit and in the social sphere let us eschew faults and studiously cultivate virtues.

### THE CARE OF THE PARSONAGE.

We are willing to assume that the most of our preachers' families take good care of the parsonage. But occasionally the parsonage is subjected to a great deal of unnecessary abuse. We have seen more than one instance of this character. Such ought not to be the case under any circumstances. As a matter of course, the parsonage is not free from the ordinary wear and tear in common with other homes, but to abuse it needlessly is a sin. The people build the parsonage in order that the preacher's family may have the comforts of a good home and be free from the burden of rents. Such a convenience is a Godsend to any Methodist pastor. It saves him much expense and a great deal of inconvenience. Frequently he has to pack and move quite a distance on short notice, but when he gets to his charge and finds a good home already awaiting him and kind people to welcome him to it, the trouble and exposure of his long move are more than offset by this preparation for him and his family. He finds there not only the house, but in it nice, heavy furniture and carpets for his use, and thus he is saved the tax of buying many cumbersome though necessary articles of house-keeping. It is therefore incumbent upon him and his wife to see to it that this home is properly cared for and kept in neat condition. The carpets ought to be kept dusted, the pieces of furniture ought not to be broken and the walls ought to have immunity from scratches and injuries. But if anything in this home should become uselessly impaired, then the preacher ought to feel bound to have it put back in as good or better condition than he found it. His wife ought to put a shrub or a flower in the yard occasionally and keep the place attractive. If a picket is knocked off the fence, it ought to be nailed on again, and if the gate hinges sag they ought to be repaired. In other words, the preacher's family ought to keep the parsonage nice and clean, and free from a look of neglect and ill-use. A dirty, neglected parsonage makes a very bad impression upon the good people who built and furnished it for the pastor's family. More than this, it is an injury to the reputation for cleanliness and decency of the minis-

ter's family permitting it to go in this condition. Then, let all of our parsonages have the very best of care, and we will never lack for a good home when we move from one charge to another.

### A NEEDED REFORM.

The ingenuity of the bar-room is resourceful and devilish. If it can not manage by the vote of the people to entrench itself in a community, then it will seek some method for evading the law that technically prohibits its existence. For instance, the Legislature some years ago enacted a law granting the people the right to say by their votes whether or not liquor shall be sold in a given community. This is a just law and in keeping with our democratic form of government. Hundreds of communities soon adopted elections, and in a great many the stances voted on the bar-room. This law was working well until the express companies of the State got to shipping cases of whisky into local option towns. The matter was taken into the courts, and the higher court decided that these companies had the right to ship cases of whisky into local option towns, marked F. O. D., and that they could not be held to account for it. What was the immediate effect of this decision? Why, the liquor men in places like Dallas, Houston, Waco and other whisky-cities, towns and cities at once sent out their teamsters into local option places to admit the jug trade. And now it has come to pass that the express companies of Texas are carrying on a well-managed liquor business, without even paying a license in all of our local option communities reached by railways. It seems, therefore, that the people have no rights that this diabolical liquor business is bound to respect.

Now we suggest a united effort be made upon the part of all of our local option communities aided by the friends of temperance in general to prevail upon the present Legislature to so amend the local option law as to make the express companies liable for delivering liquor in jugs in prohibition territory and for collecting money for the same. A majority of the counties in Texas are now under local option law, and the same vote that made them such can bring the Legislature to terms upon this issue. Therefore, our people ought to lose no time in sending in petitions to the Legislature requesting this amendment to be made to our prohibition laws. Now is the time to act, and if we let it pass our opportunity will be gone. We are entitled to this much at the hands of the Legislature, and let us demand it at once. That a majority of the men who now compose the two branches of the Legislature will do the right thing by the people, we do not doubt. Many of them are members of our different Churches, and they are the friends of temperance. And such is the manifest injustice now being practiced upon the law by the liquor men through the connivance of the express companies that our legislators will heed our complaint. But we must show our earnestness by speedy action. If we want relief from this imposition.

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THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

BY BISHOP BRUNNER.

Light was created before either Sun, Moon, or Stars. It was therefore not solar light, or astral, or lunar that came into expression at the command "Let there be light." It was the more subtle fluid which we now know to be the electricity of the atmosphere; whether expressed in the cloud by positive and negative currents, meeting in mutual adjustment, with thunder and lightning; or whether in the revolving motion of the electric motor; or in the light which it supplies from the air without combustion.

Electricity annihilates Time; that is it gets there several hours before it starts; say from London, on the same day. Time is the notching of space by the motion of the planets; but the motion of electricity is instantaneous, from America to Europe, or entirely around the globe.

If such a solvent of all motion, throughout all space, and in fact of all other departments of nature, whether solid, fluid or aerial, was created by the Almighty in the instant of His command, is it unreasonable to suppose that He made this round world, with its forests, floods, animals, and atmosphere, by repeated commands, with intervals of daily revolutions? These spaces of time, enable us to apprehend the mighty achievement of the Divine Word. For we ourselves are the creatures of Time, constituted for endless time, that is for Eternity.

In this statement of the creation of all things God Himself pauses to contemplate the work; by the one Architect, the Word, the Son of God, without whom was not anything made that was made. He declares each survey to be "good"! It was all that infinite Wisdom designed, and infinite Love wrought. This estimate gave to the whole creation its stamp; not of the thought, nor of the hand only, but of the heart of God. It was intended for one, who was about to be framed after God's image; for Adam and Eve. When these fair creatures of Wisdom and Love, crowned the work, they constituted the audience which the Father of men delighted to honor; and the whole creation was then declared "very good."

The first chapter of Genesis, and that of the Gospel of St. John, have a marked resemblance in their order of statement, and in the order of creative energy. The first word of the Genesis chapter suggests this correspondence; "In the beginning"; which is the first word of the St. John chapter. In these chapters the work of creation goes on with equal steps; in Genesis God creates the heaven and the earth; in St. John "The Word was with God, and was God; the same was in the beginning with God; all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." The third verse of Genesis introduces Light; the fourth verse of St. John the Light of Life—the light that dispels not the darkness of nature, but of the human mind.

It was to this light God sent a witness—John the Baptist; he came to bear witness of the light that all men through him might believe. This was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. The Evangelist then describes the profound darkness that veiled the Son of God from the mind of man; He was in the world, a world made by Him, but the world knew Him not; He came to those who by revelation were the elect of God, but they received Him not. His presence was with power, it brought to men the possibility of Sonship—even to them who believed on His name; may more, a birth, an actual, spiritual birth; and men became the sons of God.

This darkness was more impenetrable than that of Chaos, and it was an act of Mercy to provide a Messenger who should testify to the Son of God. For thirty years Christ dwelt among us, engaged in dispelling the shadow

of death that shrouded humanity. He was the glory of God, "full of grace and truth". To this wonderful Person, the Baptist testified; that although He came after He was in truth before him; that He came from the bosom of the Father.

This testimony John followed up day by day, pointing out the sublime Person of the Son to his disciples. "The next day," says the Record, "seeing Jesus coming to him, he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the World.'" To this declaration, he adds that he saw the Spirit, descending as a dove, and remaining on Jesus, directly after his baptism, as he went out of the water. "I saw it," he says, "and bear record, that this is the Son of God." What could be more historic, yet supernatural, than is this record of the Baptist? Again a day intervenes, as when the turn of earth separated between the flats of creative power; "Again, the next day after," says the record, "John stood and two of his disciples, and looking upon Jesus, as He walked, he saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God!'" Then Jesus himself speaks; "Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, 'What seek ye?' They say unto Him, 'Rabbi, where dwellest thou?' They wished to see the home of the Son of God. 'He saith unto them, 'come and see'; they came and saw, and dwelt with Him that day; for it was about the tenth hour." What a gracious host was this infinite Majesty to these enquiring disciples of John!

The most fearful night that ever clouded earth, was the darkness which the princes of this world did not realize, "for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory" (1 Cor. 2:8). He was among us, the maker of all things, visible and invisible, whether of things in heaven, or things in earth, thrones, principalities and powers, all yet we knew Him not. It was this blindness that Christ came to heal. That wonderful chapter, the ninth of St. John, displays in detail His mighty achievement: The Son of God bringing light to the blind natural light first, and then spiritual light;—the Light of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ. This was Christ's life, which in itself held the Light of Life; the one element of all spiritual being. At this revelation of the True Light, ten thousand radiant symphonies burst into expression, "peace on earth, good will to men, and glory to God in the highest". No wonder the blind man realized the infinite glory of his Benefactor; the one who had opened his eyes; when Christ said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" he answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" "And Jesus said unto him, 'thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.' And he said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshiped him."

The exhortation of the letter to the Ephesians stirs the soul of every Christian: "Ye were sometimes darkness but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of Light; and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them". And O sinner, what a call! as of the last trump of God: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light". Here is resurrection power, the sleep of death, and the Light of Life:

"Great God! on what a slender thread Hang everlasting things! Th' eternal states of all the dead Upon life's feeble strings.

Waken, O Lord, our drowsy sense, To walk this dangerous road; And if our souls be hurried hence, May they be found with God!"

—Watts.

JEFFERSON'S RELIGION.

Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, in a letter to Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Constitutional Convention, in speaking of moral conduct and ethics, says:

"I, too, have made a wee little book from the same materials, which I call the 'Philosophy of Jesus.' It is a paradigm of his doctrines, made by cutting the texts out of the book and arranging them on the pages of a blank book, in a certain order of time or subject. A more beautiful or precious morsel of ethics I have never seen. It is a document in proof that I am a real Christian."

He did not think that all men could be alike in their beliefs, any more than in their faces, their tempers, their talents, their tastes, their forms, their wishes, their aversions, or their pursuits. But "a real Christian" he claimed to be.

J. H. BRUNNER, D. D.

THE DYING PILGRIM.

The path of life he's trod Through seasons foul and fair; Now, death is near, he trusts in God, Our God that heareth prayer.

O blessed Christ, so dear, All darkness to disperse! O blessed Savior, ever near, Throughout the universe!

Around the saint there stand Bright angels, sent in love, To bear him to the blissful land, The happy home above.

"Farewell to earth," he cries; "I mount, I fly, I soar!" 'Tis thus the pilgrim Christian dies, To live forevermore.

J. H. BRUNNER, D. D. Hixson College, Tenn.

FRANCIS ASBURY MOOD AND THE TEXAS UNIVERSITY.

Years ago in the city of Charleston, S. C., about the close of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century there were two little girls named Amelia and Catherine. They were the daughters of an excellent local preacher in whose home Asbury and the early itinerants were entertained. What such influence in shaping the destiny of many lives may not be on the records of time, but undoubtedly will be on those of eternity. An octogenarian recalling the days of youth and boyhood would give his impressions concerning those little girls, only known to him after they had become mothers of a goodly progeny. At that time neither of them made any pretensions to personal beauty, for the marks of care were visible on their faces, but their beauty of soul shone out in their every action. They had both married preachers, the one becoming a bishop, the other only a local preacher whose own hands must supply his necessity. The home of this last was in King near Liberty, where early and late he wrought at his trade as a silversmith and doubtless did so with as good a conscience as a great apostle did at tent-making. Little Kate, or Kitty, as she was familiarly called, had become the mother of several noble boys and one daughter—Henry, John, William, Asbury and Amelia. As if these were not enough to tax the industry of any, and in a trade that did not bring in millions, this good man often took upon himself the care of orphans as well. How he managed it is only known unto Him who heareth the young ravens when they cry, and sendeth bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening to his own property by the brook.

Merely with such a commiserate at his command, many of us think this poor rations, indeed, and think the children of a king ought to fare better, but I reckon he knows best, and supplies all their need through riches of grace in Jesus Christ. It won't do, none can change the unchangeable; indeed, you had better not try. His will is best and only in doing God's will are we perfected. This old man never came on the parish. He fought life's battles nobly to the end and passed away at the parsonage corner of Pitt and Calhoun Streets, while Yankee shells were falling not far away. We in our pitying sympathy dare to call all such poor, while angelic convoys bear them to their rest. The reader must excuse the garrulity of an old man whose thoughts will wander beyond this earth. Let it be only an adumbration of future joy; it may be indulged by the faithful in this weary world. These boys were the companions of our childhood. We entered the South Carolina Conference nearly together, for long years labored together, they have passed away to their reward, leaving the writer lingering on the banks of the river waiting to cross.

Space will not allow us to enter upon the career of each of these boys. It is with the youngest we have to do and must make that record as briefly as possible. Asbury, or Assy, as we used to call him, came not into our comprehension as anything more than a very little fellow, and none of us imagined for a moment that he would ever overtop the whole of us. What, him! That little fellow? He's nothing, but it is certain "the Lord taketh not pleasure in the strength of a horse, nor the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy." And yet that prominent nasal organ on Asbury's face was indicative of one who would cut his way through life, as verily he did. One particular with all these boys we must guardedly mention, least we offend the noble order of the Cincinnati or any of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. They got their collegiate education—how do you think? We shudder to tell

it, but it was actually by teaching a "nigger school," and I am not so sure but it was the bar sinister in all their after life. Many do well to boast of their ancestry; it is all they have to boast of, for, as has been well said of a homely vegetable, the best part of them is in the ground. But as to this crime in Char—Charles—Charleston—O' hush!

If anybody asks why a great Church did not seize on these boys and in getting an education save them from such a dreadful humiliation, the answer is said, great Church was too busy saving souls and coppers to enter upon anything so chimerical. Why "give them souls for their hire" was one of the standing petitions at a throne of grace from many who loathed to part with their coppers to that end. It is a question in Christian consistency if such souls can be worth saving; yet in the teaching of the "chaff and the unquenchable fire" is it a question at all? In father proof see to-day the strain, the horrible strain, a rich Church is undergoing to raise a few thousand for educational purposes.

"If not so common would not this be strange? That 'tis so common, this is stranger still."

"Freely ye have received, freely give," cries the Master, but few, comparatively, heed him.

This full surrender of himself on the part of F. A. Mood was fully demonstrated. We were his presiding elder, he was stationed at Trinity; there had been some difficulty, but nothing affecting morals. He was depressed. Bishop McTyeire, who knew him well, urged a transfer to Texas, and whether wisely or unwisely on his coming for counsel, our advice was for him to go. Go he did, taking with him our first born as a professor in a school highly named, but really in its entirety nothing. "Texas! La! Texas; what's Texas? Only a land of broad prairies and cowboys," said the buchele mind of aristocratic Carolina. But look at it to-day, will you? We grieved to part with our own boy to survive or perish in that land of exile. He had, going out from Wofford, fought through the Civil War and survived, taught school, and been admitted to the bar, and now for Texas. As a presiding elder we had been in the receipt of some twelve or fifteen thousand dollars per annum, "more or less" as land titles say, as salary. So we generously gave him a thousand dollar bond, drawing interest at 8 per cent. It's drawing it yet, but, alas! it don't come. Wrapping up his law papers in it he and President Mood set forth for Texas. Both, after good work done, laid down the earthly tabernacle to rest awhile in its soil. A recollectorial in the Texas Christian Advocate speaks in this wise of Dr. Mood.

"On Sunday evening I visited the grave of that great man, Dr. Mood. It is located on the old University campus, and a beautiful granite monument marks the spot where his remains are resting. He was elected to the regency of the school December 21, 1872. In October, 1873, he came from South Carolina and assumed charge. He moved his family into one or two rooms of the old building, with a salary less than \$400. He labored on the rest of his life in the interest of this school. He literally sacrificed his life upon its altar. But he did not live to see the large success of his labors. Yet he laid the foundation for success. As I stood there and looked at the flowers and evergreens upon his grave, I almost felt the touch of his great spirit, and as I turned and looked upon the stately building of the Annex and the magnificent structure of the University proper, I felt that all of these wonderful improvements, after all, are the legitimate outcome of the wisdom and self-sacrifice of Dr. Mood. Had he not lived and wrought in Texas these imposing buildings would not exist. He died at the age of 54, but his work is still going on. The Methodism of Texas rises up with uncovered head and calls him blessed. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.' The preachers generally passed by the little enclosure, paused, looked upon the sacred mound, made a tender comment and went on their way with a new inspiration."

There, now, after all there is some good in these vile bodies of ours. Think of a large conference of Texas Methodist preachers lifting their hats to the memory of little Frana Mood, of South Carolina, whom we let slip through our fingers to build up a large university in Texas. Ah! well such is life; we hardly know the worth of many until with flowers on their graves, we say: "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance."—A. M. Christyberg, D. D., in Southern Christian Advocate.

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**NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNAL.**

The Journal should be in the express or postpaid for all members of the Northwest Texas Conference before this notice appears.

Let all who are interested apply for them, and if any fail to receive them, please notify me.

Provisional hindrances prevented me from examining final proofs, hence some errors which might otherwise have been avoided. A displacement of types in statistics of the Abilene District makes it necessary, on the second page of those statistics, to apply the figures opposite Colorado to Abilene Station, and thus throughout the table. Vernon shows 869 assessed for missions and \$107 paid, 869 for domestic missions and nothing paid. Those figures should 869 assessed and paid for each of these causes.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions informs me that after the tables were made up there were changes in the reports of amounts paid for missions, and that the following districts paid full amount of assessments on both foreign and domestic missions: Georgetown, Weatherford, Brownwood and Clarendon. The following paid foreign mission assessments in full: Corsicana, Waxahatchie, Vernon and Dublin.

JEROME DUNCAN.

**AID FROM CHURCH EXTENSION AND PARSONAGE BOARDS.**

Brethren who expect to apply this spring to the General Board of Church Extension, or to the General Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society, for either donations or loans, should begin at once to get ready their applications. Several preliminary steps have to be taken which require time. Applications will be too late which are not filed in the proper offices by March 1, 1901.

Blanks for parsonage applications will be furnished by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Blanks for church applications will be furnished by Rev. P. H. Whisner, Corresponding Secretary, Box 42, Louisville, Ky.

**A WORD OF EXPLANATION.**

To the Members of the North Texas Conference:

In my distribution of assessments to the districts of our conference, there appears a new item—"Bureau of Information." In answer to the many inquiries concerning same, I would suggest that the conference voted for said assessment in the act by which they adopted the report of the Joint Board of Finance. The Discipline, under head of "Education," provides for the establishment of a Bureau of information to bring graduates of our Church institutions, and other competent persons desiring to teach, into communication with institutions seeking teachers. This answers all further inquiry about the matter. J. MARVIN NICHOLS, Secretary North Texas Conference.

To the Board of Stewards and Pastors of the Following Churches in the Bowie District—Bellevue, Bridgeport, Paradise, Elme Grove, Archer City, Holliday, Greenwood, Bryson and Post Oak:

You were not represented at the District Stewards meeting at Bowie, Texas, December 25, 1900, nor did you send in the assessment of your pastors for the present conference year. Please send the same to me at once at this place, or I shall have to take your last year's assessments in estimating your pro rata of the conference collections and of the presiding elder's salary. Do not delay longer. JAS. F. CARTER, Secretary District Stewards, Henrietta, Texas.

**DEDICATION.**

The old debt on Coats Memorial has been paid. We have a nice church, worth about \$200, free from debt. It will be set apart for its sacred use by our presiding elder, Rev. Jno. R. Morris, January 29, 1901. We will be glad to have all former pastors with us. ROBT. B. BONNER, P. C., Weatherford, Texas.

Dear Brethren of the East Texas Conference:

Your minutes have been mailed or expressed to you. It has been no little trouble, but the work was done cheerfully. If you find errors that ought to be corrected, write me and I will make corrections in Advocate. If any one fails to get his, it will be well to call at express office. Two thousand were printed and sent out as near right as I could. J. T. SMITH.

Serofula in the blood shows itself sooner or later in swellings, sores, eruptions. But Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cures it.

**SUBSCRIBERS TO THE THOMAS HU FUND.**

Those who, at the session of the Northwest Texas Conference, subscribed to the fund to enable our young friend, Thomas Hu, to remain at Southwestern University are hereby notified that this subscription list is in the hands of Prof. R. E. Young, and they are requested to remit to him at their earliest convenience. This young Christian is doing good work with us. He needs aid, and is worthy of it. R. S. HYER, Regent S. W. U.

**Dr. J. S. HILL - DISCOVERER OF ANTINARCOTINE, Greenville, Tex.**



**THIS KNOCKS THE FAKERS OUT.**

TAKE ANY CASE of Morphine, Opium, Cocaine, or Whiskey Habit, cure them, bear all expenses, and do not require one cent till they have been cured from one to three months. There is no other firm under the sun but ours that can do this. They all want the money before the patient has time to know he or she has been cured. We do not need the money till the patient is satisfied.

I am the first man who ever discovered a quick, positive, permanent cure for Whiskey or Drug habits. Since I have discovered and used my treatment others have professed to have it, and even advertise it. They are spurious. My treatment is endorsed by leading physicians, and by pastors of all denominations who know of the cures I have made. IT NEVER FAILS.

My Hospital is in Greenville, in beautifully situated grounds, the building is new, modern, up-to-date. Patients find a comfortable home, with park and beautiful lake for recreation until cured. Those who desire may come and go unknown to any one else.

**THE WHISKEY HABIT.**

There are many treatments for the whiskey habit.

You get cured first - You pay afterward.

**J. S. HILL, M. D., Greenville, Tex.**

Indeed, you can find them at almost every turn. I am glad to state that I have a cure that has borne the test in the very worst cases in the United States for over six years. I can positively guarantee to cure any case of Whiskey habit inside of ten days that can be found. I have been improving my treatment from time to time, and now have it so perfected that I can cure with no inconvenience to the patient. The patient can eat three square meals a day and sleep like a baby at night while taking my treatment. See my guarantee elsewhere. All patients for this habit are required to be treated at the Hospital.

**THE MORPHINE HABIT.**

I am aware that this is a very delicate subject, that there are thousands of the best men and women in the land who have unconsciously formed the habit of using morphine. I am sorry to say that in most cases, physicians are to blame. But no matter how formed, once in the habit the next thing is to cure it. There are thousands of so-called cures, many of these propose "No cure, no pay." Yet my observation has taught me that almost all of such really require the patient to pay in advance after 2-3 weeks when their power. I do not do this—do not have to, as I know I am positively going to cure him. I not only do not want your pay until you are cured, but I do not even require it to be deposited in my name, but the patient deposits it in his own name until he is satisfied of a cure—and I give him three months to know it, if he wants it. But all morphine patients must come to the Hospital for treatment.

**THE TOBACCO HABIT.**

My treatment for chewing, smoking and snuff-dipping can be sent by mail or express. This is a "cure cure," which you can use with directions I send, without coming to the Hospital. Price, \$1.00 a box, six boxes (guaranteed cure) \$5.00.

I want to say to every broken-hearted wife, mother, sister or daughter, that "ANTINARCOTINE" will cure any person on earth of the Whiskey or the Morphine habit. I can give you many hundreds of names of those who have written me letters of gratitude for curing them or their loved ones. I get them by almost every mail. The one below is a sample.

This is to certify that I had one mother who had been cured by Dr. J. S. Hill and he cured them without any pain. They were cured in ten days and began to work as usual. My mother had used opium and snuff 10 years and opium 1 year. My mother had used opium for 1 year. They were the greatest things I ever saw. We had spent thousands of dollars in vain and had been told that Dr. Hill's Antinarcotine was the only cure. My mother had used opium and snuff 10 years and opium 1 year. My mother had used opium for 1 year. They were the greatest things I ever saw. We had spent thousands of dollars in vain and had been told that Dr. Hill's Antinarcotine was the only cure. My mother had used opium and snuff 10 years and opium 1 year. My mother had used opium for 1 year. They were the greatest things I ever saw. We had spent thousands of dollars in vain and had been told that Dr. Hill's Antinarcotine was the only cure. My mother had used opium and snuff 10 years and opium 1 year. My mother had used opium for 1 year. They were the greatest things I ever saw. We had spent thousands of dollars in vain and had been told that Dr. Hill's Antinarcotine was the only cure.

I will be glad to furnish you other names on application.

**IT HAS NEVER FAILED**

To cure a single one of the two or three thousand cases where it has been tested.

My References: Greenville National Bank or any banker, doctor, merchant, lawyer, preacher, man or woman in Greenville.

All correspondence strictly confidential.

**NOTICE.**

A number of ministers have expressed to me a desire to have my articles on sinful amusements in book form. I am willing to have them published in tractate if I can get enough subscribers to justify me in so doing. I am willing to do the work at cost. I suppose it can be done for about \$5 per hundred. Let me hear from you. R. C. ARMSTRONG, Fort Worth, Texas.

Managers, Agents, Salesmen, Wanted \$2000 Weekly and Expenses.

Are you honest, sober and industrious? If so, engage with us for 1901. \$2000 weekly and expenses, 4 hours a day. Enormous demand for our Quaker Vapor Bath Candles. No trade to learn. No experience necessary. We furnish everything. We only want hustlers. Write quick to THE WORLD MFG CO., 31 World Bldg., CINCINNATI, O., for instructions.

**THE WEATHER CALENDAR THAT PREDICTED THE GALVESTON STORM.**

One of the best calendars of the season is the "Cardinal Weather Chart and Calendar for 1901," published by the Chattanooga Medicine Company, manufacturers of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Thorford's Black-Dracught. The Advocate office has just received one from the publishers, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 12x20 inches in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop hanger. Each strip contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across any room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. Devere's Weather forecasts for every day in the year appear. This is the calendar that accurately predicted the Galveston storm a year before it occurred. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending in one-cent stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Bono, at Godley.....	Feb. 9, 10
Chaburne.....	Feb. 10, 11
Cuba, at Chappell Hill.....	Feb. 16, 17
Mulkey Memorial.....	Feb. 23, 24
Peach Street.....	Feb. 21, 22
Missouri Avenue.....	March 2, 3
Greenwood.....	March 2, 4
North Fort Worth, at N. E. W.....	March 2, 10
Trinity.....	March 10, 11
Arlington, at Arlington.....	March 16, 17
Polytechnic College.....	March 16, 17
Graysville, at Ministers Chapel.....	March 17, 18
Smithfield, at Haslet.....	March 23, 24
Crosson, at Long Creek.....	March 28, 29
Azle, at Dido.....	March 28, 29
Joshua.....	March 30, 31
Mansfield.....	April.....
Covington.....	April 6, 7
Burleson.....	April 13, 14

Room..... April 26, 27  
First Church, Fort Worth..... April 15, 28  
District Conference will meet in Peach Street Church, Fort Worth, at 9 a. m., Tuesday, April 16.  
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

You cannot afford to trifle with a Cough. It may result in some serious if not fatal malady. Take time by the forelock and use Simmons' Cough Syrup. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

The practice of hazing at the United States Military Academy at West Point has been under investigation by a congressional committee. The case of Oscar L. Dudge, of Bristol, Pa., who is reported to have died from the effect of hazing, caused the investigation to be made.

**SPECIAL BARGAINS IN PIANOS.**  
Write the Great JESSE FRENCH PIANO & ORGAN CO., Jesse French Building, Dallas, Texas

Sir Alfred Milner has been appointed Governor of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson Governor of Cape Colony, and Sir Henry E. McCallum (the present Governor of Newfoundland) will be Governor of Natal.

**WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN CLERGY BUREAU'S JOINT CERTIFICATE.**

Attention is called to the fact that Western and Southwestern Clergy Bureau's Joint Certificates and Application Blanks show opposite the name of this company the restriction, viz: "Except locally in Texas," same as last year, which restriction was removed on February 1, 1900. Owing to restriction above referred to appearing on Clergy Certificates and Application Blanks, as later the instructions contained in our Circular No. 1900-11 will continue in force throughout the present year. D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A.

My friend, are you suffering from any painful and annoying skin disease, such as Ringworm, Tetter, Eczema or anything similar. If so, just try one box of Hunt's Cure. It never fails. Guaranteed. Price 50 cents.

**BOOK WANTED.**

Rev. M. A. Black, San Saba, Texas, wants a copy of the Transvaal Home Bible Commentary on the New Testament. If any one has this book and will dispose of it, please write to him.

**If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.**

Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for cutting teeth. It soothes the child, softens the gums, keeps all pains away, and is the remedy for diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

In the Tennessee Legislature Hon. H. W. Carmack, Congressman from the Tenth District, has been nominated to succeed Hon. Thos. B. Turley as United States Senator.



**A WELL-PLEASSED CUSTOMER.**

Will A. Watkins Music Co., Dallas, Texas. Dear Sir—It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Pipe Organ purchased from you by the Wesley Methodist Church gives the most perfect satisfaction. The instrument is perfect in tone and beautiful in appearance, and so far as I am able to determine really more than meets the eye. We are all very proud of our organ and are glad that we were fortunate enough to buy it through your company. Yours respectfully, Mrs. E. W. Harris, Greenville, Texas.

WILL A. WATKINS MUSIC CO., Dallas, Tex.



KENTUCKY LETTER.

Again I have gone with you through your conferences, beginning with the West Texas November 1. There my friend, J. W. Stovall, seems to be putting in good time on a district, and Dr. Morris Evans retires from active work. Two were received on trial, four into full connection and three by transfer, five located, and four died. So the workers are on the decrease, and the membership drops back thirty-two.

Next comes the Northwest Texas, November 14. Here I see many a familiar name, and some old associates in the Rocky Mountains, who appear to be giving a good account of themselves—O. F. Sensabaugh, J. G. Putman and Sam Hay. I had an uncle, W. S. South, who carried his gun on his circuit in the early days of that conference, who died at Bryan a few years ago, and another uncle, H. W. South, who is still a member, though he is decrepit and closing his days in Kentucky. They have kept up the battle bravely, but the membership has slightly decreased. It must be that "the world, the flesh and the devil" are in evidence where an army like the Northwest Texas doesn't sweep on. I see eleven were admitted on trial, five into full connection, ten received by transfer, four located, five transferred, and four died, leaving a small increase in the workers. From this conference we have often had wonderful results.

Then comes the North Texas Conference, November 22. Here are the Alderson brothers, that used to go to school to us, and I had E. W. licensed and started him as a preacher. Dr. F. B. Carroll was a co-P. E. in the Denver Conference, and Dr. Neely came in our stead. I see six were admitted on trial, five into full connection, one re-admitted and six received by transfer, one located, four died, and three transferred, leaving a healthy growth, with 118 increase in membership. This is a fine conference, in a fine section.

Then comes the East Texas Conference, November 29. Here your report made a little slip in reference to your young Jesse Lee's being a descendant of the great Jesse Lee, who had no descendants. It appears six were admitted on trial, three into full connection and three by transfer, one located, one died and three transferred, a fair increase in the workers, and 178 increase in membership. Encouraging.

Then comes the Texas Conference, December 5. Here Cousin Seth Ward appears to be in the thick of the fight on the firing line. The Texas Conference is a kind of "pent-up fire," and storm-scoured, but she has touched the heart of the Church by her brave stand. Three admitted on trial, three into full connection and two received by transfer, one died and seven transferred. A decrease in workers and membership. May this year bring them great success.

All this indicates that the past year has not been like it usually is with Texas, and we at a distance can not understand it. We are shipping preachers and members in on you all the time. Is there a Methodist sink-hole in Texas? We can't think so, and we know know you are about the most sterling workers among us. We confidently expect to see all this righted and the old-time success again.

Our Louisville Conference caught its footing a year ago and last year made a good advance. Nine were admitted on trial, six into full connection, one re-admitted, three received by transfer, two discontinued, three located, one died, two transferred, two were stricken from the roll, and a number were added to the supernumeraries, but still the work was well managed, and 179 increase in membership reported.

Addresses to the conference, and the class to be admitted into full connection are great opportunities, and I see that Bishop Candler seems to have been a hit at all these. Our Bishop Hendrix, at our last session, made remarkably good speeches.

The Bishops should be representative preachers, and they can not afford to throw away their opportunity before a conference. I see your Bishop did not fall in this regard, as ours did not.

Your Bishop appears to have lost no chance to give the "higher critics" a rap. It is well, no doubt, to warn the boys off of certain premises, and against being inoculated with the virus of any unscrupulous fad, but men are prone to look over, and sometimes they will try for themselves the ways of apparent knowledge. What has been termed "higher-criticism" it is certainly well to shun, and fatal to follow. But the real remedy for "higher criticism" is criticism still higher and better. Scientific methods and historic investigation will never down, and we must prepare not only to meet them, but to turn them to account. The Bishop, of

course, meant the irreverent slave to physical-science school.

I am delighted with your racy reports. I can fairly see and hear things. The young Bishop appears to be a man with a head of his own, and full as ready to give advice as to take it. He certainly has some pronounced ways and some peculiarities. But, as Dr. Joe Cottrell used to say, "peculiarities are like a dog's tail. You can cut a dog's tail off, and there is a heap of dog left." It is so with this particular Bishop. You can take away all the peculiarities, and there is a heap of Bishop and man left. He seems to use words with edge on them, and can sharply characterize. This fashion is used with splendid effect in a conference. But it finds its way into "Christus Auctor," his fine book on Christian evidences. It is so different from Bishop Watson in his "Apology for the Bible," and Bishop Wm. Alexander in his "Primary Convictions." The young Bishop is a man of letters as well as a tarts, and could shine in a smoother style.

You speak of Dr. J. J. Tigert and his facetious reference to "thinking he was running in the same class with Bishop C." I have had occasion to think of them often together myself. They are both fine specimens of Christian manhood—vigorous thinkers and able advocates of whatever they espouse. In the line of Christian evidence they have both done work to abide. Dr. Tigert, in a series of papers in our Quarterly Review during 1889-90, presented the arguments for Theism, the existence of a God, in a perspicuous and forcible manner, with marks of learning and power of thought. In the November-December number of the Review for 1894 he gives a very able restatement of a Theistic argument for the universal causal efficiency of God. The Church appreciates these sons and their work.

I was impressed with the Bishop's method. He appears to have been flooded with letters, even down to children. I have in a small way helped, during twelve years, in placing the men myself. I have always welcomed knowledge from all quarters and classes for the use of the Bishop, not even neglecting the children. The Book has said "a child shall lead them," and for all the brusque way of the Bishop, I believe he welcomes light, but scorns dictation.

It is lovely to see such solid evidences of harmony and the strength of religious ties as were evidenced in the action of the Northwest Texas Conference on division, and the Louisville Conference on adopting a conference organ. A better day appears to be dawning. Our Central Methodist is now our conference organ, ably edited by Dr. J. W. Lewis and Dr. W. F. Lloyd. Dr. Lloyd is well known in Texas.

There are many names among your preachers that I follow from year to year. I was associated with some of them in the Denver Conference—for years the most devoted and harmonious body of men I ever knew. May a blessing follow them, and may God smile on the land for which we labored.

I am in health and happy in the work, and glad to greet Texas Methodism this bright New Year's Day. Blessings on you all. Be true and zealous. You are to bear a great part in giving character to our Methodism.

GEO. NEEDHAM, Bradfordville, Ky., Jan. 1, 1901.

AN URGENT NEED.

I would like to call the attention of your thousands of readers to the present deplorable condition of our local option law. All well informed people, and in fact all classes, as to that matter, know that our Legislature, in its sovereign capacity, has given the people of Texas the right or privilege to determine by a majority vote whether or not intoxicating liquors may or may not be sold in a given or prescribed territory. The question has been voted upon in several hundred places in Texas, and I dare say in a majority of them the result has been against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Now the point I wish to make is this: The law, fair as it is, and which was given us by a body of Texas' wisest of men, has virtually been nullified and wiped off the statutes by a recent higher "court decision." Said decision was in effect that intoxicating liquors could be shipped C. O. D. into local option places. Immediately after this decision, express companies notified all their agents to accept such business. The whisky men of Dallas and other points eagerly grasped the situation, and forthwith sent "jug drummers" to every local option place and communities throughout the State. Farmersville is a local option town



IT MAKES WOMEN HAPPY.

"I had been a sufferer for many years from nervousness with all its symptoms and complications," writes Mrs. O. N. Fisher, of 1861 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. "I was constantly going to see a physician and purchasing medicine. My husband at last induced me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After taking one bottle and following your advice I was so encouraged that I took five more bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' I continued taking it and felt that I was improving faster than at first. I am not now cross and irritable, and I have a good color in my face; have also gained ten pounds in weight and one thousand pounds of comfort, for I am a new woman once more, and your advice and your 'Favorite Prescription' is the cause of it."



by an overwhelming vote, and to-day, as I write this letter, I am reliably informed that there are at least five hundred jugs of whisky in our express office awaiting C. O. D. collections. And we understand that it is practically the same in every dry district all over our section. Again, at different times, as many as three to five jug drummers have been on our streets at a time, with pencil and book, soliciting mainly the farming class of people for "an order."

Numerous schemes are evidently resorted to to defeat the intent of the law. Jugs are sent to fictitious names, rendering it quite easy for any one, whether it be minor or adult, to get a jug of whisky by forging these fictitious names to orders for the jugs, and innocent and unsuspecting agents deliver the goods upon these orders, not suspecting their forgery.

Again, the "little nigger" will be used, who will order the jugs sent in his name, sometimes to the extent of as many as a dozen at a time, and this "nigger" will give an order to any one who will pay the price of the C. O. D. amount. This whole scheme is defeating, destructive and demoralizing in the extreme, and should be promptly suppressed.

Temperance people who have children to raise are entitled to the protection from the whisky traffic that the law did give. But we now, since this decision, have absolutely no protection, and are completely under the tyrannical power of whisky dealers.

Something should be done, and done quickly. Our Legislature is now in session, and a prominent District Judge quite recently told us that all we could do was to appeal to this body for an amendment to our local option law to cover this jug trade.

So I would suggest that our temperance friends in every town in Texas where the Advocate goes, to immediately get together and prepare a petition, get it well signed and send, without delay, to their respective Representatives and Senators, praying them to use their utmost endeavors to have such an amendment passed.

Whisky men are in high glee over this unexpected but highly profitable source of revenue, and it may be expected that they will have a strong lobby at Austin to oppose us in this matter. We must go to work and work hard. Ministers all over Texas should agitate it in their congregations. Lecturers, temperance orders, prohibition clubs, the W. C. T. U., and all individual workers should each put their shoulder to the wheel. Every local option town in Texas should specially do something. Go to work, and work earnestly and prayerfully, for as sure as we write these lines, the most important fight ever waged in Texas between the home and the saloon is now

on, for unless we suppress this jug business all our local option territory will be regained by the saloon.

D. H. HANCOCK, Farmersville, Texas.

CRITICISES DR. TIGERT.

"If a man wants to be immersed, I have no right to dissuade him from it." The above is the substance of a statement made by Dr. Tigert, Book Editor of the M. E. Church, South, in a sermon at the late session of the East Texas Conference. That Dr. Tigert has no right to refuse to immerse a man we admit, but that he has no right to instruct or dissuade him, with reference to the mode, design or subjects of baptism, we do not admit. That the apostle Paul said "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel," we admit, but that he said "I was not sent to preach baptism," we do not admit. To the contrary, if we judge of his preaching from his writings, he preached much on baptism. Again, if Paul had no right to dissuade or instruct men on baptism, why did he say to those twelve men (Acts 19:3, 4), "Unto what were ye baptized?" "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance?" If he did not instruct or dissuade them, why were they baptized again? Is the Doctor's idea implied in our ordination vows? We think not. We are to "read the holy Scriptures," and "banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to God's Word."

Nor is it implied in the ritual: "And placing him conveniently by the font, shall sprinkle, or pour, water upon him (or, if he shall desire it, shall immerse him in water)," etc. It does not say he shall not instruct, dissuade or teach him the mode or design of baptism.

Again, for instance, if the applicant wanted to be immersed, because he understood that baptism represents the burial and resurrection of the body, and no more, would Dr. Tigert tell him that "baptism is not only a sign of profession, but it is also a sign of regeneration, or the new birth," as contained in our Book of Discipline? Or would he let him receive holy baptism under such delusion, after promising to drive all erroneous doctrines away? To be sure, such doctrine is contrary to our Seventeenth Article of Faith. In view of all these things, have we, as ministers of Christ, no right to dissuade a man when his faith is not well-founded? How many city folks has the Doctor ever immersed? Will he say that they are better informed? Then country folks need such instruction.

W. T. AYERS,

Dalby Springs, Texas.

NATH'S ODDITIES.

A Church that is not missionary is not much.

A good resolution is a good thing if you make it good.

A locomotive with steam is mighty stubborn.

God makes his sons only out of his servants.

Resolution lays the wedge by the log, but decision splits it wide open.

Christian Scientists are children blowing soap bubbles. "A beautiful doctrine," said a woman to me one day. Yes, but it tastes bitter.

GOV'T LUNCHES

Eminent Doctor Orders Grape-Nuts.

An old physician in Washington D. C., comments on the general practice government employes have of taking with them for luncheon, buttered rolls and a variety of non-nutritious articles of food which they bolt down and go on with their work.

Ultimately dyspepsia and gastric troubles ensue, and in all such cases where he has been called in for consultation, the orders have been to abandon all sorts of food for the noonday lunch, except Grape-Nuts, which is a ready-cooked, predigested food and a concentrated form of nourishment.

This is eaten with a little fresh milk or cream which can be secured from the vendors who pass through the buildings during the noon hour. The doctor says: "For many reasons I would prefer not to have my name used publicly. Do not object to your furnishing name to any honest inquirer. I have been prescribing Grape-Nuts in numerous cases for about a year and a half and am pleased to say my patients have reason to be thoroughly satisfied with the results. I am myself a strong believer in Grape-Nuts and shall continue to be so long as the preparation gives the results I have obtained thus far." The doctor's name can be had of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

WORDSWO

With many m... is more charac... than the harm... the several fac... And this is exp...

"With sacrifice... Vows have I m... spread... And from the... forlorn... Of night, n... required... Celestial pity... Restore him... restore..."

It is seldom... intellectual an... effected in any... wars against th... against the sp... trusts the ima... ination shrink... lect. In Words... diverse elemen... lect and huma... says in Laodan...

"So speaking, a... dowed... With faith, o... lifts her b... While, thro' th... cloud... Her countenan... expands... Her bosom hea... are grown... And she expec... a... "

"Mild Hermes... with his w... That cultus a... crowned the... Laodamia! that... Thy husband... all... He comes to the... space... Accept the gift... face?"

The impass... cramp her Lor... form eluded h... made her ad... would continu...

"Protestans, lo... Confirm, I p... voice... This is our pal... Speak, and th... on will reg... Not to spall n... This precious... abide..."

Then men... phic oracle... first Greek... Trojan strange... generous cum... tim as it leap... It was a self... slain by thietc...

"Supreme of... best!... Thy matchle... more... Which then, w... proved... By doubt, p... shore... Thou foundest... them all... A nobler cour...

And again I... "No specter a... this;... Come, bloom... side!... Give, on this v... tial kiss... To me, this... bride... Love, frowned... Parry th... Upon those l...

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WORDSWORTH'S LAODAMIA.

With many men of genius, how powers conflict one with another. Nothing is more characteristic of Wordsworth than the harmony existing between the several faculties of his nature. And this is expressed in these words:

"With sacrifice before the rising morn Vows have I made by fruitless hope inspired; And from the infernal gods, 'mid shades forlorn Of night, my slaughtered Lord have I required; Celestial pity I again implore— Restore him to my sight—great Jove, restore."

It is seldom, indeed, that complete intellectual and moral conciliation is effected in any one of us. The spirit wars against the senses and the senses against the spirit; the intellect distrusts the imagination and the imagination shrinks back from the intellect. In Wordsworth's best poetry the diverse elements of the human intellect and human heart are found. He says in Laodamia:

"So speaking, and by fervent love endowed With faith, the suppliant heavenward lifts her hand; While, like the sun emerging from a cloud, Her countenance brightens—and her eye expands; Her bosom heaves and spreads, her stature grows; And she expects the beam in repose."

"Mild Hermes spake, and touched her with his wand That calms all fear; such grace hath crowned thy prayer, Laodamia! that at Jove's command Thy husband walks the paths of upper air; He comes to tarry with thee three hours' space; Accept the gift and behold him face to face!"

The impassioned Queen advanced to grasp her Lord, but the unsubstantial form eluded her grasp as often as she made her advance, and Wordsworth would continue the scene:

"Proteus! in thy guise is gone! Confirm, I pray, the vision with thy voice; This is our palace—yonder is thy throne; Speak, and the floor that thou treadest on will rejoice. Not to applaud me have the gods bestowed This precious boon, and blest a sad abode."

Then mention is made of the delphic oracle, which foretold that the first Greek who should touch the Trojan strand should die. It was a generous cause that demanded a victim as it leapt upon the sandy plain. It was a self-devoted chief which was slain by Hector. As he says:

"Supreme of heroes—bravest, noblest, best! Thy matchless courage I bewail no more; Which then, when ten thousands were despoiled, By doubt, propelled thee to the fatal shore; Thou foundest and I forgive thee—here thou art— A nobler counselor than my poor heart."

And again he says: "No specter greets me—no vain shadow this; Come, blooming Hero, place thee by my side; Give, on this well-known couch, one nuptial kiss; To me, this day, a second time thy bride! Jove frowned in heaven; the conscious Parcae frowned; Upon those rosy lips a Stygian hue."

And finally he says: "Yet tears to human suffering are due; And mortal hopes defeated and overthrown Are mourned by man, and not by man alone; As fondly he believes—upon the side Of Helios' couch faith was entertained; A knot of spiny trees for ages grew From out the tomb of him for whom she died; And ever, when such stature they had gained That Ithum's walls were subject to their view, The trees' tall summits withered at the sight; A constant interchange of growth and blight."

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, Vanderbilt University.

INQUIRIES ANSWERED.

So many are asking me why I located, and if I will help in meetings this year, that I will answer through the paper. In answer to the first inquiry, I located for one purpose only—to educate my children. This I could not do and continue to travel. In answer to the second question, I answer: Yes, if the brethren want me and my kind of work. I believe in a pungent conviction for sin, a thorough repentance from sin and a genuine conversion to God. If any of the brethren want loose, surface work done, please call on some one else. I was learned to break land down when I was a plow-boy, and I try to keep my raising on the deep-plowing question. All correspondence will reach me at 338 West Pecos, Sherman, Texas. C. L. BALLARD.

Notes From the Field.

WAMLDER AND THOMPSONVILLE.

John M. Gunn, Jan. 5: After noting the Advocator for three or four weeks, and seeing nothing from our beloved pastor (Bro. J. W. Sims) nor presiding elder about our first Quarterly Conference, we felt constrained to say something, as it was too good to pass unnoted. Bro. Sterling Fisher was on hand and presided to the delight of all and preached some soul-stirring sermons. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$800 and presiding elder's \$300, and to mend the matter, we paid more than one-fourth of it to berth with. Things have to move when such men as J. W. Sims and Sterling Fisher are at the helm. The past-year is "glorious." The Advocate grows better all the time.

TROY.

C. S. Cameron, Jan. 5: Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 29th ult. our stirring presiding elder was on hand in the midst of his Master. Notwithstanding inclement weather, the Quarterly Conference was held. Stewards made a fine report, considering things move off nicely over here. Prospects are flattering for a good year. The people of the town and community gave us their heaviest offering we have ever received. Almost everything that was good to eat was brought. All the denominations, and even worldlings, had a hand in this splendid affair. Most of them lingered. A most enjoyable time followed in pleasant conversation. We tried our best to thank them, but failed, as usual. May God bless each donor, and help me to administer to them in spiritual things.

MAKEN STREET, HOUSTON.

Joe E. Green, Jan. 1: Some things are just good to keep. I must tell you of our start on the new year's work. The very night of my return from conference I was called to a meeting of my Board of Stewards, who had met to welcome their preacher and to plan early for the year. These official members assured me of their support and co-operation. They expressed determination to strive, with me, for the best year in the history of the Church. This preacher never felt more encouraged in his life. We have fine congregations and spiritual services. The indications are very favorable. The night of December 21 the people came en masse to the preacher's home and gave us a bounding word talking about. Our new presiding elder, Bro. LeClere, was with us last Sunday night. He preached a splendid sermon to a large congregation.

EULA.

Richmond H. Helzer, Jan. 3: We have been most kindly received on the Abilene Circuit. We found no parsonage, but the good people are doing all in their power to raise money enough to build one. We have already secured the land, and the Building Committee have agreed to stand for the lumber. So we expect to be housed right away. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 28th of December. Our beloved was on hand, looking after the interests of the Church. I believe he is the man for the place. The stewards made a liberal assessment for their pastor, and the outlook on that line is encouraging. We held one meeting during Christmas week, which will result in great good. I was assisted by the Rev. T. N. Lowery and my father, R. S. Helzer. They certainly did some good preaching, which will yet produce fruit to the glory of God. There were three redemptions and the Church revived. We hope to have a good year. The Advocate is being looked after.

OGONA AND SONORA.

Nath Thompson, Jan. 1: Our first Quarterly meeting has come and gone. So has Bro. Lee, our presiding elder, and the three stewards from Sonora. Think of an elder driving a hundred miles this weather to hold a conference, and his next one fifty miles away! He has a good team, though, feeds them plenty and gives well wrapped himself. He is no firebrand or portentous P. E., but figures much and is progressive. What about stewards coming forty miles in a hack, and rough roads, at that? How is that for you folks back east? We had a good time, and though the business session was on Monday and it freezing, a good crowd of visitors present. The stewards made an increased and liberal assessment for their preachers. We had a net increase of eighteen to the Church. All broke up in a good working humor, with a determination to beat the record this next quarter. We are building a district parsonage at San Angelo. Bro. Lee said he would like to get a hundred, and about two to spare. We are built thoroughbreds out here, and are going on to perfection.

BAIRD.

W. W. Moss, Dec. 29: This preacher and his family have met with a warm and generous reception. The good women of our Home Mission Society have had our parsonage thoroughly renovated, repapered and painted from the parlor to the kitchen. It is now a thing of beauty and a joy to its inmates. We were here a week before the parsonage was ready for us, but Sisters Davis and Ross, with whom we were entertained, laid themselves out to make us feel at home. To say that they succeeded but meagerly expresses it. Finally, when the time arrived for us to "set up to ourselves," the ladies had provided food sufficient to last several days. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held with a good showing. Our Board of Stewards have advanced the pastor's salary \$300, and proposed to pay him monthly. For all of which we are glad. We have had six sessions since our arrival.

HUTTO.

S. J. Vaughan: By appointment of Bro. Candler, I took my 28-mile run in due form. I have, of course, been received. The folks could not very well help themselves. They have been kind and polite so long they could not afford to be otherwise and change the life-habit. They did not know what to look for any more than the P. C. did about where he was to

work. Pounded in due and ancient form. Have only met one member here that I had ever seen before, and that was twenty years ago, and one at Round Rock. I have already found many true and warm friends, who promise to be like unto the many we have found everywhere we have gone. I am delighted with our start, and pray that a great revival may be had and Methodism take deep root in this great black land country. It is indeed a great pleasure to me to know that I shall have the counsel and help of such a presiding elder as Bro. Nelms.

CARDON AND GORMAN.

Geo. S. Shover, Jan. 1: As we came through Gorman, one of the stewards paid us a nice little sum of quarters, and we had hardly gotten settled down in the parsonage before the class at Cardon gave us one of the largest and most substantial offerings that I have known a pastor to get. These expressions of appreciation and kindness have been common and from various sources. We have been some much-needed improvements on the parsonage property, which will cost about \$25. The willing readiness with which the people have taken up this work assures its success, and is very encouraging to a pastor. All the indications are that we are to have a great year. It would be an ungrateful heart, indeed, that did not respond to such tokens of kindness as we have been receiving at the hands of this people, and we pray that we may be able to show them our appreciation by being a true pastor.

CHILLICOTHE.

M. W. Rogers: We are housed for the winter in our new home. I have met all my appointments, and nearly all our people. I left some of us good people on the Alton charge (the Lord bless them) as they found in Southern Methodism. I regretted very much to leave them, for I do love good people; but I find myself in the midst of just as good folks, and in some respects more opportunities of doing a good year's work. I am finely pleased with the prospects before me. I meet so many encouraging expressions from the people. They have given us a protracted offering, which is still in progress. These people certainly know how to make a preacher feel welcome among them. The first thing we propose this year is a great revival all over this charge. The men have gone to work to build two new rooms to the parsonage, and the ladies propose to furnish the parsonage throughout with all we need. We are all moving along as nicely as you ever saw, and we expect great good to be accomplished in the name of the Master this year.

BONITA.

J. P. Rodgers, Jan. 7: Bishop Candler sent us to this place from last conference. We arrived soon after conference and began work. Have made one round on circuit. Find a clever people, and have been received kindly. Bro. Morris, our new presiding elder, has held our first Quarterly Conference. No mistake was made when he was put in the presiding elder's place. As say that my people fell in love with him is putting it mildly. His preaching was as good as I ever heard, and he also looked after the business of the Quarterly Conference with care. The stewards assessed for preacher in charge \$300, but were doubtful as to whether they could pay it all or not. The first of the work I saw paid about \$200 last year, and first quarter \$65.00. But the people are kind to us, and Bonita pointed us nicely January 1, 1901, which was a complete surprise, as we were in bed, but gladly got up. Also, Prairie View people have sent us canned fruit, potatoes and butter. We are expecting a good year, by the help of the Lord. We are improving the parsonage some, and have bought an organ for Bonita.

WHARTON.

W. D. Gaskins, Jan. 1: At our late session of the Texas Conference, I was appointed to the Wharton and Hungerford charge. We arrived here on December 27, and were cordially welcomed to our new charge. In leaving the Manchaca Circuit we left a good people and loyal work. Upon our arrival at the parsonage in Wharton we found that the good people of this charge had manifested their appreciation of their preacher by having the table supplied with many nice things for the table, which were kindly appreciated. Since our arrival on this work the weather has been inclement. Notwithstanding our services have been very well attended, and we think that the outlook for this charge is encouraging. At Wharton, I have met presiding at Hungerford, but have learned that we have a noble little band of Methodist there. We have an elegant church building in Wharton, erected through the individualized zeal of Bro. J. R. Murray. It is a credit to the town and the people who built it. Our sincerest desire is that we may be instrumental in building the Church up in the most holy faith and in leading many souls into the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

BELLS.

C. A. Emmens, Jan. 1: "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which they have seen" and experienced among their people in these fields of labor, "it seems good to me as a having had a perfect understanding of those things of which they speak" even from the first of my ministry, to write unto the Advocator, that its readers might know what has befallen me here. Having transferred to this conference last fall on the first day of its late session I enclosed my certificate of transfer in an envelope, and handing it to the Bishop I quietly withdrew to meditate on the vanity of human hopes and ambitions, and such other things that a Methodist preacher at a conference session is expected. Much like, in "turn up" But "like bread cast upon the waters, it returned not many days hence" in the form of an appointment to Bells Circuit. I came directly to my new charge, and entered at once upon my duties as pastor. It is needless to say that I found a kind and good people, for where are there a Methodist people, who are loyal to their Church and God, who are not kind and

After Twenty Years.

WONDERFUL CURE IN A STUBBORN CASE OF RHEUMATISM.

The Evidence is Furnished by the Secretary of the Board of Trade of Wallenburg, New York, and Cannot be Doubted.

From the Telegram, Albany, N. Y.

The popular secretary of the Wallburg, N. Y., Board of Trade is Mr. W. J. Dalton, and his statement is a reporter regarding one of the most important events of his life carries with it the greatest weight. It is unusual for a person to be afflicted from childhood with rheumatism but it is even more wonderful that there is a remedy so easily found to the treatment of this stubborn disease that one hundred doses were sufficient to eradicate it in a case of twenty years' standing. The proof that such a remedy is within the reach of all rheumatic sufferers is found in Mr. Dalton's own words. He says:



W. J. DALTON.

"I had been troubled with rheumatism all my life, even when a boy. It attacked me in the legs, arms and shoulder. The pain in the latter was particularly severe. I, of course, took medicine for it, but did not obtain permanent relief. One day about three years ago while reading a newspaper, I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and determined to give them a trial. I had taken but three boxes of the pills when the trouble, which had been my affliction from childhood, entirely disappeared."

"About a year later, I had another attack of rheumatism which was brought on by working in a damp place. I remembered well what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had done for me, so I immediately purchased some. Strangely enough, just three boxes again cured me, and I have been entirely free from rheumatism ever since. I have told a number of people about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and they have taken them with the most beneficial results."

(Signed) W. J. DALTON, At all druggists or direct from Dr. Wm. Ross Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; 6 boxes, \$2.50.

good to their pastor, it is a double blessing worthy of their praise. His is the finest man and these are "herewith good" they are willing in their (admission of their love and appreciation. As a wife, who has been kind in our long years, I received the parsonage on the last evening of the dying year, and on New Year's night, as we sat in our new home, speaking of "the house and hours that come with many months' time, we suddenly a child started by the laughter of happy voices and the trampling of tiny feet on the white floor. Instantly, with Moses' "I will turn this rod into a serpent" and "and lo, there was a great snake" he glared at the opening door. I was met by the head of the presiding elder, it was a beautiful party, not only of Methodists, but of the good people of the town, generally men, women and children, each with a token of love and appreciation for the pastor and the wife. I shall not attempt to summarize the proceedings of that night, but will simply say that these were memorable moments, and I will ever treasure the memory of it. "Wherever you go in the next day of the year, and I do hope that all the members of the year, what is it? We'll have the good Lord's blessing for the continued prosperity of good things here and around us, and we will continue this downward of prosperity, which is a happy blessing for a new year. May God bless this people abundantly, who would see it blessed and prosper in his ministry, by their able preaching, their substantial tokens of their love and appreciation."

DESPATCH.

C. T. Haddock, Jan. 1: The kind and cordial welcome given by the good people of this town have been all that we could ask. Their hearts and homes have been thrown open to us, and we are making a grand old what promises to be a successful and happy year. After being six years in a "third home," it is pleasant to be in such a nice, new parsonage as we find here, and the ladies are going to make it even more comfortable. I am enjoying my books and study after four years of district work. How pleasant it is to be back in the pastoral work—the work I love so much! Let those who are not taking the "black horse" route, but who would make the rounds, but I like better the pleasures of a quiet pastoral charge. I came here tired and worn out with the cares and excessive labors of the last three months of the old conference year, made by the fearful storm, but am already getting back to my normal condition and am ready for the fray. We have and prayers and sympathies are with those who have passed through as much, and those who are to face the problems, and do the work in their church-plant region. May the great Father be merciful to them, and give them help and wisdom.



We were met at the train by Bro. B. D. O'Connell and Sister McLeod, who gave us a warm welcome in the name of the Church. A large congregation was present on the first Sunday, and we were favored with a generous tithing and kind remembrance during the holiday season.

FARMER

Ed. R. Wallace, Jan. 8: I had an appointment at the little town of True for the 24th Sunday, but I was called to Haverhill, Texas, to hold funeral services over Bro. Cunningham. As we walked into the cemetery I saw the marble that marked the resting place of the child of S. J. Vaughan and wife. It was about the first buried there. Now they are many. Sister Vaughan's mother died yesterday at Archer City. S. J. Vaughan was once pastor at Farmer.

BOSTON

R. T. Hicks, Jan. 9: We have started in our second year here with many encouraging tokens. The weather was not larger than ever before, and there seems to be an increasing responsiveness to the gospel. We are hopeful of doing a great work which is very much needed. We have been pointed, and otherwise kindly remembered by the people. The salary has been increased. All in all, we are doing very well. The spirit of the world is rampant, but our faith is in Him who is mighty, and we expect to conquer.

CRESSON

H. P. Dunn, Jan. 8: The first Quarterly Conference for Cresson Circuit has concluded. The weather was fine, and the preaching was excellent. One of my stewards, who knows a good sermon when he hears one, said Dr. Campbell's sermon at D. A. on Sunday was in the comparative degree. The Board of Stewards made a liberal assessment for the support of the pastor, and their contribution for the support of the ministry was the best the presiding elder had had up to date. We have been kindly received by the people of this charge, and hope to be a blessing to every home.

PLEASANTON

J. E. Dick, The pastor and his family were not forgotten on their return to Pleasanton charge for the third year. On leaving for conference, Campbellton gave me a suit of clothing. Since conference, Pleasanton and Pleasanton have generously responded to the prayer for the steward's support by the stewards was liberal, and the contributions to this cause have amounted to one-fourth of the assessment. Have received an expression of faith six times conference. The ladies of Pleasanton are improving the parsonage by putting down new matting, papering the rooms, improving the arrangements of the dining room, and putting a glass door at entrance to the hall. All these things help us to do a better work, and we are most anxious to do it to the people. They have our sincere thanks.

SAVOY

T. W. Lovell, Jan. 8: We began a meeting at Savoy Friday night, December 28, and continued until Wednesday night, January 2, 1901. Bro. W. B. Eby, who was with me about half the time, and who was helped by his preaching, had not been to Savoy before, and the people fell in love with the big fat Irishman, as they called him. A part of the time it was very cold, and a part of the time it was raining. The good people of Savoy, mostly from the south, and the results were good. Forty-three conversions and twenty-two additions to our Church. Some may get to follow. One-half or more of our converts were children from Baptist homes, and so most of them will join the Baptist Church. We are happy in our work, and working and praying for a good year.

TIMPSON

J. T. McClure, Jan. 9: At the end of our first year, a very pleasant year, with Trinity and Loyalty charge, we were sent by a new bill. After a short visit with relatives in North Texas, we came home packed and moved at once to our new charge. On arriving at Timpson we were taken to the home of Bro. G. W. Timmon, where we were most hospitably cared for. All our household goods came and were moved to the parsonage. We had but barely gotten home and ready to receive such a thing when a "rounding" characteristic of Timpson's way of doing things came in. It was superintended by Mrs. Homer Garrison and Mrs. Miller, and there was nothing small about it. Our reception has been a most cordial one. We have much to encourage us at the beginning of the new year and country. Our religious services during Christmas week were unusually spiritual. Especially our sunrise prayer-meeting Christmas morning and the watch-night service were services we can't forget.



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soon. We find the Church in a good working condition, and many warm friends to stand by the Church and the pastor. The Board of Stewards at their first meeting a few days ago raised the salary of the preacher \$500 without a dissenting voice. The Home Mission Society are doing some repairs on the parsonage in the way of mending the floors and repapering the rooms, that will add much to the comfort and looks of the interior of the building. Timpson is a lively and growing town that is growing rapidly and expanding along every line. The rattle of the saw and hammer can be heard in every part of town. Many new improvements have gone in here since conference met here a year ago. She has a bright prospect. May this be a great year in the history of Timpson Methodist.

ROANOKE AND PENDER

A. P. Hightower, Jan. 8: We have gotten a fair start in the third year of this charge. Our reception has been warm and kind, and the people have been very generous in supplying us with whatever is needed. Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Pender the 5th and 6th inst. A good representation of the official members present. Our new presiding elder, J. L. Morris, presided and preached to the delight of all who heard him. We are expecting a good year. A new church at Pender and improvement on the parsonage property are contemplated. We have a country as fine as any in North Texas, and we want Roanoke and Pender charge to measure up to the best.

TROUPE

T. J. Milam, We are comfortably installed in our new charge-Troupe and Overton. On our first meeting in the parsonage we were visited by quite a number of clerical ones, who came to assure us of their appreciation and pledge their friendship. The evening was spent quite pleasantly, and in addition to the pleasant greetings, many appropriate presents accompanied the voice of welcome, and we are continually receiving tokens of kindness, which make us feel quite at home already, and we anticipate quite a pleasant year. The change from the responsibility of the district to that of one pastoral charge is quite a rest. I am expecting to do the best year's studying of my life, and with the new century I am, by God's help, determined to do my best, and I believe that I will get the hearty cooperation of this noble people. Let all the readers of the Advocate join me in making this the best year of the new century our best year.

BRYSAN

S. D. Cook, Jan. 10: On the 29th of December last I was appointed by our presiding elder to take charge of Brysan Circuit. I left my home near Bridgeport the 26th, arriving at this place next day. Was kindly received. Wife and the children arrived the 31st of January, and on the night of the 21st steps were heard approaching the dining-room door of the parsonage, and directly the good people of the town began to file in, until standing room was at a premium, all bringing something good for the preacher and family, such as flour, sugar, coffee, canned goods, two nice turkeys, and other things too numerous to mention. We had a few good songs and prayers, and then the people returned to their homes, leaving the preacher and family happy that their lot was cast among this good people, and best of all was that all denominations took part in the praising. Now for the best year's work of my life. My motto will be, the Texas Advocate in every home in the charge and a revival of Holy Ghost religion all over the work.

MOUNT CALM

N. A. Keen, On our return to this work we have met from all kind faces and cheerful greetings. Almost every day we have had a reminder of some kind token of appreciation, so that potatoes, turnips, squashes, backbones, turkey and other things in abundance blessed the parsonage. But on Monday night the people came, and after an enjoyable time, prayer was offered by Bro. Nickels, local preacher, the brethren returned to their homes, leaving a fragrant trail of good wishes and hearty for many days. I felt real sorry for Bro. Bolton, our presiding elder. He had to leave right in the midst of it all. But, after all, he had enjoyed our hospitality for two days, and edited my people greatly with four splendid sermons, holding us a great love-feast on Sunday evening. He will share in some of the good things of this praising on his return three months hence. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge, and paid in this quarter \$250.

MT. VERNON

W. T. Morrow, Jan. 8: We were returned by Bishop Candler to Mt. Vernon, and are now entering hopefully upon our third year with this good people. Our reception has been cordial and generous. We have had many expressions from the people of their appreciation of their pastor. Last Wednesday night we were pointed in due and ancient form to the extent that we have much goods laid up in store for many days. Our first Quarterly Conference met at Sabine last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Frazier was on hand on time, and carefully looked after the interests of the Church. He is highly esteemed and loved by our people. The stewards raised the preacher's salary from \$542 to \$600, and reported \$554 for the support of the minister. We have raised our religious collection, and have \$29 in hand for relieving the parsonage yard, garden and lot. We desire to make this the best year of our life to date.

NEVADA

S. W. Miller, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday. We were disappointed by Bro. H. J. Lee, who was sick, but we had a very pleasant conference, and the stewards made my assessment the same as last year—\$625. From some cause, however, they only paid about one-seventh of the amount, but I hope they will help for this year. I pressed busily in the midst of plenty, as there is here. About the 15th of December a delivery wagon drove up to my front gate and unloaded quite a lot of cabbages, for which we were thankful. Rev. C. O. Jones preached for me two weeks just after conference, but the results were only a few conversions, and several reclamations and a number of

family altars erected. The people were so busy gathering corn, finishing their cotton, sowing grain and moving houses to give place for bricks. The north side of our square will soon be brick, and we will have a bank. If we were half as religious as we are prosperous, our Church would be on a boom also. We hope for better times spiritually this year. God blessed us so abundantly last Sunday in our service. Sister Jones spent more than a week with us, and we learned to love Bro. and Sister Jones very much. He is sound, clear, strong and deeply religious. I hope to have him with me again.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Jan. 1, 1901—W. F. Davis, change made. W. L. Harris, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. S. N. Allen, change made. H. B. Smith, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. Jno. S. Davis, sub.
- Jan. 2—W. H. Major, has attention. Geo. C. Cravy, sub. Chas. Martin, change made. P. A. Edwards, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. I. J. Coppedge, sub. Geo. H. Adams, sub. Geo. S. Clark, sub. W. M. Lane, sub.
- Jan. 3—Jas. M. Sherman, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub.
- Jan. 4—T. M. Kirk, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. R. V. Galloway, sub. J. L. White, sub. S. L. Hall, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. J. A. Phillips, sub. G. W. Miller, sub. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. J. W. Mills, sub. E. C. Keith, sub. I. T. Stafford, sub. J. W. Clifton, sub. W. T. Gray, sub. W. H. H. Riggs, sub. C. E. McLarty, sub.
- Jan. 5—F. L. Allen, sub. J. W. Blackburn, sub. J. P. Patterson, has attention. W. S. May, sub. J. W. Sims, sub. N. M. McLaughlin, has attention. J. A. Beagle, sub. T. S. Armstrong, sub. G. S. Shover, sub. J. W. Adkisson, sub. C. R. Wright, sub.
- Jan. 7—I. E. Gordon, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub. W. M. Leatherwood, sub. J. W. Tincher, o. k. O. P. Kiker, sub. F. L. Allen, o. k. J. M. Smith, sub.
- Jan. 8—L. R. Tooley, sub. R. E. L. Sturtis, sub. E. W. Solomon, sub. G. W. Day, sub. J. S. Davis, sub. L. H. McGee, sub. S. Crutchfield, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. W. K. Rucker, sub. L. P. Smith, sub. W. M. Leatherwood, sub. J. H. Davis, sub. Chas. Davis, change. H. B. Smith, sub. A. L. Scarborough, o. k. J. M. Armstrong, sub. E. T. Bates, sub.
- Jan. 9—S. W. Turner, sub. J. T. Grigg, sub. S. W. Jones, sub. I. E. Gordon, o. k. H. T. Hart, sub. I. F. Palmer, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub.
- Jan. 10—J. W. Mills, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. D. K. Porter, sub. E. L. Shertles, sub. R. V. Galloway, has attention. J. M. Armstrong, change made. Walter Douglass, sub. I. A. Clark, sub. G. M. Fletcher, sub. W. M. Leatherwood, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. W. B. McKown, sub. Jas. A. King, sub. G. C. Levy, sub. W. F. Mayne, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. O. C. Swinney, sub. W. T. Melugin, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. Jno. R. Steele, sub.
- Jan. 11—J. A. Fisher, sub. Jno. L. Roach, sub. J. E. Miller, sub. J. D. Huggins, sub. D. P. Carter, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. Albert Little, sub.
- Jan. 12—J. T. McClure, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. M. S. Leveridge, sub. O. P. Kiker, change made. J. R. Atchley, sub. A. O. Evans, sub. I. T. Morris, sub.

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Secular News Items.

The United States Treasury begins the new century with the largest gold fund it has ever known—\$479,319,250.

Helen Keller, hitherto deaf, dumb and blind, has been recently taught to speak. She is, as our readers will recall, a student at Radcliffe College—the Woman's College of Harvard University—where she has done some remarkable things as a student, and she is developing unusual gifts in English composition.

To meet the expenses consequent upon the maintenance of a strong force of men on the Asiatic station, Secretary Long will ask Congress to make a deficiency appropriation of \$1,000,000. Practically this entire sum is needed to defray the expenses arising out of the Chinese troubles and the rebellion in the Philippines.

The Palmer Gin Company made one of the largest shipments of cotton ever made from that place at any one time. The shipment consisted of 550 bales of cotton. This was billed through to Kobe, Japan. The freight was prepaid, which amounted to \$367.75, which was also the largest freight bill paid there. This shipment will give the Gin Company \$25,000.

According to the statements of Michael Idvorski Pupin, of Columbia University, the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company have paid him instead of the \$200,000 as originally stated, nearly \$500,000 for his recent invention of a system by which ocean telephony is made possible. This is in addition to the annual royalty of \$15,000 during the life of the patents.

Up to the beginning of December the British in South Africa had lost 398 men killed, 12,886 dead from disease or wounds. There were also in hospital 11,927 and 35,548 soldiers sick or wounded had been sent home. Add to this the estimated financial cost of the war to the same date (\$800,000,000), and it will be seen England is paying dear for empire in the land of the Boers.

The British Colonial Secretary has been informed that 190 men have volunteered in Victoria, 89 in South Australia, and 200 in New Zealand, for service with the British Army in South Africa. The official list of casualties of the British forces there include 64 officers and 11,531 men who died in the field, and four officers and 211 men who died of wounds or disease after returning home.

"Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—The outgoing steamship Empress of China, which sails from this port for the Orient on Monday, will carry a record cargo of beer for the Philippines. Fifty thousand barrels, brought hither in seventy-five trains, are consigned to Manila."

The above is a prophecy that the war will soon come to an end, if not by lenden bullets, it will by deadly beer.

Frederick Northway, one of the three men arrested on charge of blowing up a cable conduit with dynamite during the late street car strike in St. Louis, has been sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for eight years. Maurice Brown was sentenced to ten years last September. Jas. Schwartz, the last of the trio, will be tried this month. Law may be defied for a moment, but it reasserts its power, for in the law the general good is always involved.

When Attorney-General Griggs sent word to the President the other day that he would resign his portfolio on the 4th day of next March, he had before him an urgent telegram from New Jersey that impelled him to take the action indicated. It was from the head of the Liquor Dealers' Association of the State, and told him that unless he did resign his Cabinet position, the association would be compelled

to hunt up another attorney. The association pays its principal attorney \$25,000 a year, and very few men would have hesitated before sending them word, "I'll be with you after my present term expires," which was in effect the message the Attorney-General sent at the time he wrote the President that he would leave the latter's official family.—New York World.

The New Voice, the organ of the Prohibitionists, sent a Commissioner to Manila to investigate the liquor traffic in those islands, and the report which he makes is well calculated to startle the country. He says that fifteen thousand soldiers have been in the hospital on account of drink. Nine out of eleven suicides were committed as a result of drink. Nine hundred cases of lunacy were all caused by drink. The traffic is most odious according to this investigation.

The all-British Pacific telegraph cable is to be completed from Vancouver, in Canada, to Australia by the end of 1902, at a cost of \$9,575,000. The cable is to extend from Vancouver by way of Fanning Island and Fiji Islands to Queensland and New Zealand, a branch line taking in the latter. It is a joint enterprise, Canada, Australia and Great Britain taking shares and dividing the costs and profits. A line direct from South Africa to Australia is under discussion.

A movement is on foot to establish a cotton mill in Paris of 10,000 spindles, at a cost of \$50,000. Of this amount \$5,000 was subscribed in the past two days. It is believed that farmers can be induced to take stock. H. S. Hudson, of Howland, who spent the holidays at his old home at Newnan, Ga., says that he visited a mill there of 10,000 spindles, and that the owners told him it netted them 28 per cent on their investment. Every town in Georgia and the Carolinas of any size, he says, has from one to three cotton mills.

A new venture in political journalism is to be launched by Mr. W. J. Bryan, the great Democratic free silver leader, who is about to establish at Lincoln, Nebraska, a weekly paper to be called The Commonwealth, of which he will be owner and editor. The aim of this journal will be the championing of those social, political and financial doctrines with which Mr. Bryan and his followers have so remarkably dominated the councils and policy of the Democratic party. There is every reason for supposing that The Commonwealth will be widely read.

A dispatch from London says: "America's command of the steel markets of the world, which only a year ago was regarded by Englishmen as extremely improbable, is now calmly, if regretfully, admitted by the English newspapers as an established fact. The Telegraph regards it as certain that the United States will keep the lead in steel and will increase it, and at the same time warns British manufacturers that they must be more ready to imitate the methods of their rivals if they can not outstrip them in original invention."

The upper House of the Hawaiian Legislature is made up of an exceedingly cosmopolitan membership. There are native Hawaiians without the slightest admixture in the blood, Americans, Englishmen, a Russian and representatives of mixed races, where the Oriental and South Sea blood is joined with the Caucasian. There are men representing all branches of the industries which mark the islands. From the richest of sugar planters to the luna or foreman on a plantation; ex-judges and clerks, teachers and capitalists; the range of occupation is as wide as that of blood.

It is the opinion of an authority eminent among penologists that the annual cost of crime in the United States amounts to \$290,000,000. This includes merely the expense of repression and punishment, and does not take into account the loss occasioned by theft, arson and crimes of that character. If it be remembered that the country spends only \$100,000,000 for public schools, the menace it is to the welfare of society, and the absolute necessity there is for intelligent study of those who are practically at war against the world, will be self-evident.

An immense flow of oil has been struck within four miles of Beaumont, Texas. For two or three years prospectors have been investigating the oil conditions in that locality, but a few days ago, in the locality indicated, the drill was at work about sixteen hundred feet below the surface, when a great subterranean lake of the fluid was struck, and such was the tremendous force of the pent-up oil and gases that the drill and casing were thrown nearly two hundred feet into the air, and a stream of oil eight inches in diameter has since been leaping one hundred and fifty feet high. At this writing

there is no diminution of the flow. Every effort is being made to throw up sufficient levees around the well to save as much of the outflow as possible, until the proper machinery arrives with which to cap the well. In the meantime great excitement prevails, and lands in the vicinity are having fabulous estimates placed upon them.

Judge McFall, of Travis County, has introduced a resolution in the lower House of the Legislature to investigate charges against Attorney-General Smith and the Hon. Jos. Bailey in connection with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company's return to business in Texas.

Last October Will King, a negro, shot and killed a policeman in Waco. Three days afterward the Grand Jury of McLennan County returned an indictment against him for murder, and in a week more he was tried, convicted and given the death penalty. At the request of the defense, Judge Scott granted a motion for a new trial on the plea that race discrimination was shown in the selection of the jury. Now Judge Scott has issued an order to the Sheriff to summon negroes to serve on the Grand Jury, and will have negroes summoned to serve on the jury to try the above-mentioned case.

Dr. Joseph Parker, in his recent experiment of editing a religious daily, made a sensation in at least one issue, in which he mercilessly scolded the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister. "Woe to any country in which both to the throne and Prime Ministers favor the race course as it exists among us to-day. If Princes are guilty, it is poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the Premier can blaspheme, he has no right to rebuke the clergy upon the street. I would rather have as Premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind, addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation."

On January 1 the Gulf of Hopetown was sworn in as Governor-General of United Australia. Thus was formed in the remote Pacific Ocean a sort of Republic, about equal in size to the territory of the United States, exclusive of Alaska and the recent acquisitions. The first steps toward federation were taken in 1852, but not much headway was made until 1897. From that time on the Colonies have been getting closer together every year until last year the Parliament of each Colony adopted a form of Commonwealth Constitution, which was ratified by the people and endorsed by the Queen of England, under which the new regime went into effect last week.

If reports are true, the Sultan of Turkey has at length "locked" the indemnity demanded by the United States for the destruction of American missionary property in Armenia. This the sly Turk has done, however, by indirection—placing an order for a new warship with the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and out of the purchase price and first payment the Cramps turn over \$300,000 or so, the amount of the indemnity, to the Washington authorities. The reason given for this roundabout method of payment is, Turkey is hard over heels in debts and indemnity claims, and if she undertook to pay her obligations to us directly, her European claimants would demand similar treatment.

The fact that the American Embassy in London and Berlin have been taking in some details of the China question has induced Spanish journals to assert that the Washington Government has been waffling so long and shown so plainly that it does not know its own mind that the European powers do not regard its diplomacy as serious. This view is not shared by the men in diplomatic circles. They consider that the State Department has appeared to good advantage throughout the China negotiations and is in a favorable position to enforce the "open door" principle. They also regard the rumored purchase of the Danish West Indies as a prudent and statesmanlike act, which assures command of the approaches to any canal and precludes European challenge of the Monroe doctrine from any source.

Issuance of valuable franchises for the development of the Island of Porto Rico under the provisions and limitations of the Foraker act has begun. William H. Hunt, Secretary of Porto Rico, has just reported to Congress the grant by the Executive Council of the island of two exceedingly valuable franchises that will give the grantees a practical control of the island for the purposes for which they

have organized. The franchises under the law are of course subject to the disapproval of Congress. The first of these franchises is to the Porto American Company of New York and Porto Rico, to construct and operate a railway between the Island of Porto Rico. The second is to Ramon Yaldor, and gives the right to use the waters of the Rio Plata and to develop the same into water power. It also grants the right to build, construct, erect and maintain lines of wire for transmission and distribution of electric currents for the purpose of lighting, motive power and heating.

The Treasury reports of our trade show that during the past year the exports of the United States exceeded by several millions those of Great Britain. In 1899 the United Kingdom led the United States by nearly \$200,000,000, and in 1900 the United States had a surplus against that of the United Kingdom of \$100,000,000. In 1897 the United States took first place in exports in that year exceeding those of the United Kingdom by nearly \$200,000,000. In 1898 the United Kingdom again stood at the head of the list, her exports exceeding those of the United States by nearly \$200,000,000. In the eleven months of 1899, whose figures have been received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, the domestic exports of the United States exceed those of the United Kingdom by \$125,000,000.

There still are lingering apprehensions in sections outside of the South that an earthquake is shared upon them by the folks who heretofore made such fun about them. Last Sunday one took place in Kansas, and we reproduce the following facts about it:

"Wichita, Kan., Jan. 15.—A series of rattle which began in this city early this morning, ended tonight in a great rattle. Its tremor shook railroad and three-story men. More than a dozen stores were destroyed between White School and Tenth streets, and Cook Johnson, a white bricklayer, Johnson was struck through the groin, and his condition is serious. A man named Heston was struck with a stone, and a young man from the country had several ribs broken. The principal damage, however, was done to a lot of 200 barrels. Fifty men hurried him into a wagon and succeeded in carrying him from the wreck. The result of the rattle is as follows:

The Hutchinson city government has made a complete statistical summary of the losses to property wrought by the storm and flood on the day of the tornado. The property has suffered on the principal day approximately \$1,000,000, divided as follows: Real-estate property, \$1,000,000; damage to other real-estate and contents, \$125,000; Church property, \$50,000; personal property, \$25,000; warehouses and shipping facilities, \$50,000; manufacturing plants, \$25,000; county property, \$25,000; public institutions, \$10,000; mercantile buildings, \$25,000; merchandise in stock, \$100,000; State property, \$10,000; United States Government property, \$10,000; railroad, telegraph, telephone, etc., \$25,000; goods in transit, \$10,000.

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# The Home Circle

## HERE IS MY HEART.

Here is my heart—my God, I give it thee;  
I hear thee call and say—  
"Not unto the world, my child but un-  
to me;"  
I heard and will obey;  
Here is love's offering to my King,  
Which in glad sacrifice I bring—  
Here is my heart.

Here is my heart—it trembles to draw near  
The glory of thy throne;  
Give it the shining robes thy servants wear  
Of righteousness thine own;  
Its pride and folly chase away,  
And all its vanity, I pray—  
My humble heart.

Here is my heart—teach it, O Lord, to cling  
In gladness unto thee;  
And in the day of sorrow still to sing,  
"Welcome my God's decree."  
Believing all its journey through,  
That thou art wise and just and true—  
My waiting heart.

Here is my heart—O Friend of friends,  
Be near,  
To make each tempter fly;  
And when my latest foe I meet with  
Gladly give me the victory,  
Let me say when life is closing,  
"Here is my heart!"

—From the German.

## THE HOUSE THAT COULD NO BURN.

"What is the matter with your house to-day, Mandy?" cried little Betty McFarland over the front gate. She might well ask, for it looked as if a whirlwind had struck it; carpets and rugs and chairs and tables and bureaus and cups and saucers were all turned out to public gaze on the porches.

"Oh, we're house-cleaning," answered Mandy joyously. "It's lots of fun." Mandy took everything as if life were a picnic. "We'll be all done when you get back," she called after Betty; "just you stop and see."

Betty was on her way to the village where with a hundred other girls and boys, she was taught in the graded school. She carried her dinner with her in a little basket, for on Tuesdays and Fridays she went to Miss Venable's for a music lesson, and did not get home till late afternoon.

The sun was hanging low against the rim of mountains in the west when Betty piled books and basket on the Withrows' front gate, and ran in to see whether they had finished cleaning house.

"Don't we look nice?" asked Mandy, enjoying results, as she had enjoyed prospects. "See, the sitting-room is blue-washed, and our new muslin curtains have a blue dot on them. Mother covered the old sofa herself with that blue chintz. Now come and look at my little room; it will take your breath away."

"I can't stop another minute, not to see a palace," said Betty, starting off on a run; "mother won't know what to think if I stay out any later. I'll take a long breath, and stop to-morrow."

"Ah, to-morrow! Who knows what she holds in her fast-shut hand! Little Betty had been asleep for hours that night, and was dreaming of going up in a balloon, to reach Mandy's room, when she waked suddenly, with the sound of voices in her ear, and the night wind blowing over her. It must have been the breeze that put the balloon aloft in her dreams.

She sat up in bed, with her little heart in a flutter; what were mamma and Aunt Lizzie doing at the open window? And, oh, what was that red light in the sky?

"Put the quilt around you, Betty," said the mother, seeing the little girl was awake, "and come here."

Shivering with excitement and with the cool night air, Betty ran over to the open window, trailing the patchwork quilt behind her. Here a court robe. Away down the road, in the direction of the village, something was burning fiercely; she could see the flames mounting and falling through the feathery spring foliage; the smell of burning pine and paint, and a dull roar of flames, or hoarse shouting, or both, came to her ears.

"Oh, mother! What is it?"  
"I'm afraid it is the Withrows' house," said her mother. "Your father and Uncle John have gone to help."  
Betty stood spellbound at the window; there was a dreadful fascination

about the sight. But the work of the flames was over presently, and the glare of the sky cooled down into a dull glow.

"Go right to bed, Betty, and cover up warm," cried her mother, presently; "I don't know what I have been thinking about, to let you stand in that breeze so long."

Betty went obediently back to her pillow, but the thought of Mandy's pleasure in her little room, and the blue-dotted curtains, was too much for the child; she burst into tears, and cried and cried until she slept from weariness.

The next day everybody went to see the smoking ruins, and offer help—except our Betty; she was laid up in bed with a sore throat.

It was a week before Betty was on the way to school again; the Withrows she knew, had moved into an old carpenter's shop on the roadside, and Betty hoped to get by without seeing Mandy. Her tender little heart sank from seeing her in the sad change.

But there was Mandy, looking as cheerful as ever.

"Why, Betsy, I'm so glad to see you!" she cried in her old joyous tone. "I know you can stop a while, 'cause our clock has not struck 8. Oh, yes, we saved the clock, and a whole heap of things, and living in the shop is more fun than anything you ever saw!"

She took Betty in, to show how they had hung curtains and bedquilts for divisions. "This is my bedroom in the corner, see? I play that tins bed-quilt is flowered paper. Next is mother's chamber; she has tapestry on her walls, you must know. Now, this is our dining-room one part of the day, and then a fairy godmother named Hard Work makes it into a sitting-room. It's just like playing all the time. Don't you wish you could live in a shop for a little while?"

That night, after Betty had gone to bed, she said to her mother:

"Mother, no fire can burn up Mandy's home; wherever she is, she makes it seem nice and cozy and homey."

After little Betty had pulled the cover up over her shoulders, the mother came and sat on the edge of the bed.

"Daughter," she said softly, "we all have a home which can not burn, did you remember that? It is in heaven, the home of the soul. Our best friend says that in his Father's house are many abiding places, and he is getting them ready for us. Isn't that nice to think about? Now, good-night, dear, and shut your eyes."—Magnet.

## SIX SHORT LIFE RULES.

Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that he hears your prayers. (Heb. 11, 6.)

Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you and that you are to believe and act upon what he says. I believe all backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules. (John 5, 26.)

Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself: "What am I doing for him?" (Matt. 5, 13-16.)

If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. (Col. 3, 17.) If you cannot do this, it is wrong. (Rom. 14, 23.)

Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, therefore you may. (2 Cor. 10, 12.) You are to ask yourself: "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to do as he would do. (John 10, 27.)

Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's word. Ask yourself: "Can what I feel be true, if God's word is true?" and if both cannot believe God and make your own heart the liar. (Rom. 3, 1; 1 John 5, 10, 11.)—Selected.

## SWEET APPLES.

It was a twisting, turning country road shaded by large trees, mostly maples, and lined on both sides with broad green fields and occasional white houses. At a certain point on this thoroughfare a tree had been felled, and the trunk, stripped of all its leafy branches, lay near the curb, a favorite resting-place for the neighborhood children. It was covered with initials and various designs cut by restless little fingers, and wild flowers and grasses had sprung up around it. Just across the uneven sidewalk stretched a broad, rugged field, and on the other side of the road, behind a tall green hedge which screened it from too curious eyes, was an old-fashioned house, in the center of a yard where grass grew knee-deep in some spots, and where

flowers and brambles often flourished side by side.

On this bright autumn afternoon two little figures were seated upon the fallen trunk, and two pairs of bright eyes—one pair dark blue and the other hazel—stared across at the green hedge on the farther side of the road. A white dog with long ears and short tail lay near the trunk, one eye tightly shut and the other intently fixed upon the children.

"An old lady, did you say?" asked the blue-eyed child, finally. She wore a blue gingham gown, and her sunny hair was tied back with a blue ribbon.

"Yes, dreadfully! And such a cross one, too! She won't let anybody come into the yard at all—and one day when Tom climbed over the side fence for some apples—Tom's my brother, you know, and he thinks he knows everything just because he's a boy!—well she came out and chased him away, and said she'd have the policeman after him if he didn't behave!—what do you think of that, Violet? And she's got loads of apples, too,—nice sweet ones!"

"She must be a very selfish old lady," said Violet, much interested.

"She's as stingy as she can be!" cried brown-eyed Betty, who was an arrant little chatterbox, and whose clothes were always being torn, but who would at any time gladly share her last seed-cake with a playmate who had none.

"What's her name? I never knew who lived there until now."

"Mrs. Brown is her name. Of course you couldn't know that, because you've just moved here. But she's lived here, oh, for ever so long!—ever since Columbus discovered America, I guess!" was the confiding reply. Betty's ideas of history were rather hazy as yet.

Violet's large eyes grew larger at this news.

"Have you ever seen her, Betty?" she asked. "She must be older than my grandpa. Can she walk without a cane?"

"Walk! I guess she can!" briskly. "And run, too! She ran after me one day when I went in there to make a chain out of the daisies. She wears a funny little lace cap on the top of her head, and Tom says it is to hide her horns! But I don't believe that; Tom fibs like anything sometimes," acknowledged Tom's sister with much candor.

"Well, then, I don't believe she'll give us any apples for Jack. Do you?"  
"No, I don't. Well, she can keep her old apples, and maybe some day the trees will stop growing because she is so stingy," said Betty, indignantly.

Jack was a small playmate who was kept in the house to allow a sprained ankle to heal, and who did not like it. Violet and Betty often spent an afternoon with him, and to-day they had planned to carry him some sweet apples. But their courage oozed away as they sat on the trunk in front of the terrible Mrs. Brown's house, and Jack's chances for apples swiftly faded.

Violet stood up to catch a glimpse of the old house, whose roof could just be seen above the hedge. Gyp stood up likewise, glancing alternately at his mistress and the opposite side of the road. One of these glances was fatal! Through the hedge he caught sight of a large gray cat carefully picking his way through the deep grass, and Gyp and cats being lifelong enemies, it was not a moment before he was bounding along in pursuit, his shrill barks resounding through the still air. Violet and Betty both called in vain. Dog and cat shortly disappeared around a corner of the old house.

"O Violet!" gasped Betty, "what if she should get him—the old lady, I mean!"

"She's not going to!" cried Violet, her fear vanishing in an instant, and she hurried off after her arrant pet, leaving Betty open-mouthed with wonder, and imploring her to come back.

There was a little wooden gate in the hedge, by means of which Violet entered the yard. Not pausing for an instant to look about her, she sped down the moss-grown path between the lilacs until she reached the rear of the house. Here she paused for breath. The cat had taken refuge in a cherry-tree, and Gyp was jumping frantically up and down, to and fro, in his effort to make a capture. But the cat,

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stretched upon a limb reach, gazed serenely pursuer, nor minding short but violent yelp. "Here! Here! Go r girl! Take your dog, dered a shrill high voice way.

"Come her, Gyp!" cried Violet, in her cle dog, with last defiant and licked his mistress.

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er of this voice. It herself, presumably, slender person, dressed gown; but her upraised gray eyes and stern feeling of awe in Violet. Only for a moment walked straight toward Gyp at her side, st lady who had presumed one of his sworn foes molested in her tree.

"He didn't hurt you asked Violet.

"Not that I know of and never come inside I want to ask you that I'm here," said a little at her audacity to heard this terrible den. "I'm sorry Gyp but he couldn't help always does it. And if you will please give apples."

A look of blank amazement to the hard gray eyes. "Give you some apples—the owner of the

"Yes, ma'am. Jack sofa with a hurt ankle out, and we want to apples, Betty and I, only one that are around on the grass.

"Yes, I suppose this in the name of common say that? Aren't you

"No, ma'am."  
Mrs. Brown stared look replaced the a her face.

"I declare!" said Violet. "And where

Violet told her, in answer to similar Brown drew from the of her life, its artless tions, and its number. At one time the old through the window head peering over the she immediately displayed such a fi that Betty, who had to see what had been turned and fled in that she should never playmate.

"Was that Betty?" when she returned.

"Yes, it was," she scarce her away."

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Mt. Vernon, Texas.

There are people whom it is a pleasure to know and love, but there are others who seem to have no lovable traits whatever. There is even an air about them that repels all approaches to friendship and agreeableness. It requires a great deal of grace and prayer to do unto them as you would have them do unto you; but such people are not utterly lacking in good points if you can only find the proper avenue that leads to them, and it occasionally occurs that when once you find the proper access to their real minds and hearts they are not such bad folks after all. It is better to cultivate them rather than give them the cold shoulder, for after all they are your fellow-travelers to the judgment bar of God.

The man who cultivates his peculiarities is to be pitied. He makes himself unlike other people and his moods come or go according to his caprices. By a little practice he soon habituates himself to his whims, and he expects other folks to overlook his foibles and lack of agreeableness on the ground that he is eccentric. This may be very satisfactory to him, but it is a bore, not to say an offense, to those who have to come into contact with him. The fact is, there is no need of peculiarities in a man's character any more than there is need for warts on his nose. The latter are just about as unsightly as the former, and a little bit of persistent treatment will rid him of both. We have no patience with idiosyncrasies, whether natural or cultivated. They are in the way of anybody who possesses them. They are simply mental or moral excrescences. The sooner they are gotten rid of the better for all concerned.

## EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Debt makes a man a slave.

Vice grows by gradual degrees.

Grace is more potent than environment.

Schools and teachers can not produce brains.

Faith ceases where positive knowledge begins.

Moral obligation continues to exist until it is canceled.

An honest confession of sin is all right, but excuses for it are void of merit.

It requires a great many festivals to run a Church whose members have lost their spirituality.

We have to tolerate a great many things that we do not approve, but we are not obliged to endorse them.

The holiness of heart that finds its outlet through the daily life rather than through the mouth has valid credentials.

The preacher who surcharges his sermons with pronouns in the first person does not always preach Christ and him crucified.

The man who becomes so zealous in his religion that he offends all others who do not accept his hobbies is an intolerable nuisance.

When your religion sweetens your mind and heart with love and gentleness, it then becomes a joy to yourself and a blessing to those around you.

## A SUNDAY IN DENISON.

Last Saturday I boarded the H. & T. C., and a run of about seventy-five miles took me to Denison, the last Texas town on the border just as you leave the State and enter the Indian Territory. The day was beautiful and the air exhilarating. As far as McKinney I had the agreeable company of Dr. Shel mire, one of our leading physicians and a good member of First Methodist Church. He is a man of large attainments, good culture, and bright and cheerful. Such a traveling companion always makes the distance short. Rev. P. C. Archer, the pastor at Denison, was at the train, and we were soon delightfully ensconced in the parsonage. There is always fellowship in a Methodist parsonage. We found it in this one without stint. He and his good wife know how to make a happy home, and during my stay we had undisturbed pleasure. They have been there two years, and are now beginning the third one. Under their administration our Church has undergone a transformation in Denison. I say their administration, for Sister Archer is an assistant pastor within herself. Prior to their coming, there had been raised a subscription with which to build a new edifice, as the community had long before outgrown the old one. But no steps had been taken toward the actual work of building. Our place of worship was not attractive, and our congregation was small and not very hopeful. But Bro. Archer determined that the edifice must be built, and when his people saw that he was in earnest about it, they gave to him their co-operation. Before the two years were up, we had completed one of the best church buildings in the conference, and it is situated on one of the most prominent and valuable lots in the city. It has not yet been dedicated, as they still lack about six hundred dollars, not yet provided for, to finish paying the whole debt assumed in the enterprise. This will be removed in due time, and then the service of dedica-

tion will follow. In the meantime they are worshipping in the magnificent structure. I was somewhat taken aback when I looked upon it, and more particularly when I entered it. It is a splendid brick house, with the most modern architectural design. It is tall, symmetrical and imposing. It looms up as a monument in every way creditable to the progressive town. On the interior, it is a thing of elegance, comfort and convenience. It is so constructed that the Sunday-school room is a part of it, and by the use of rollers it can be separated from or made a part of the auditorium, as the demands require. Above this are many conveniences, such as a kitchen, large double parlors, and a pastor's study. The main auditorium is simply superb. Overhead there are heavy cross-timbers, and above these is the ceiling, arranged in panels and supported by fluted columns. All of these cross-timbers and ceiling are covered with ornamented metal, painted in becoming colors. The windows are filled with art glass, arranged in beautiful designs. The pews are of the best material and highly polished, while the floor is covered with a fine Brussels carpet. All of this furniture was placed in the house by the good women. They made by their own efforts a little over twelve hundred dollars last year, and paid for this carpet and these pews. The fact is, much of the credit of the building is due those good women, and they are still hard at work. The acoustics are perfect. We had a fine congregation and a spiritual service. A warmer and more cordial people one need not want to meet. No congregation is hardly complete without the presence of a good old solid East Tennessean. So they've got him in that Church in the person of Bro. J. A. Prather, a useful local preacher. He came from McMinn County twenty years ago, and used to know me in my visits to the camp-meetings in his vicinity. He is an old student of that meritorious teacher, Jno. H. Brunner, D. D., of Hiwassee College. It was an unexpected pleasure to meet him. I enjoyed the elegant hospitality of Bro. and Sister A. F. Platter, who are among the strongest supporters of our Church. I met many of the good people who compose that membership. Methodism is in the ascendancy now in Denison. Our property is well worth \$20,000. With the present equipment of our people, they command the situation. Rev. W. F. Clark, of the Mission, is into work up to his eyes. I met him, and he informed me that we have a bright outlook in his field. He is happy and cheerful in his work. He has much good and effective service in him. Denison is a place of eighteen thousand population. The Katy shops are there, and the Houston Central also has some enterprise of this character. They pay out to their employes \$120,000 per month, and this is a wonderful source of revenue. Then, too, the town has one of the largest cotton mills in the South. Among these operatives Bro. Clark is doing his principal work. But the most manifest piece of enterprise now in progress is the inter-urban electric railway being built from Denison to Sherman. The road is graded nearly all the distance, and completed a good deal of the way. A great deal of money is being paid out through this medium. The town is the home of clubs. These have a large hall, built at a cost of \$30,000. It is used by these organizations for literary and social purposes. Denison has seventy-two saloons. They draw much of their support from the Territory, as no liquor can be sold over there. They have to come to Texas to get their supply. Uncle Sam regulates the Territory, and his boys run no bar-rooms. My visit was an exceedingly pleasant one. The kindness of Bro. Archer and his family in particular, and his people in general, will linger with me as the days pass by.  
G. C. R.

## PROF. VIRGIL M. DuBOSE.

This worthy man of singularly pure life and character died the 5th instant at the district parsonage in Oak Cliff in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was born and educated in Georgia, but came to Texas sixty years ago to devote himself to the work of education. Much of his work was done at Marshall and other East Texas towns during the long years. He was highly cultivated, and a teacher by instinct and training. With it all he was a strong Christian and a devoted member of the Methodist Church. Rev. I. W. Clark was his son-in-law, and the old gentleman and his aged wife had just come to Oak Cliff to make their home with Bro. Clark and his family. But soon after he arrived he began to fail and soon passed away. He was a good man and he has left his impress upon his generation. He passed away peacefully, even as the ripe wheat is gathered into the garner. He leaves a wife in separation, who has stood by him for sixty years in the joys and sorrows of life; also several children who have come to usefulness and honor. They merely feel a sense of loneliness at his departure, but no grief. He lived out his completed days and returned to God with peace and triumph. No place for sorrow in the finishing up of a life like this.

## GOOD FOR OLD VIRGINIA.

The old Virginia Conference is always in the forefront when anything of a worthy nature is to be accomplished. She never does anything by halves, but she goes her whole length in her endeavors. One of her chief factors of training in her good works is the "Old Richmond Advocate." Lafferty has been at her helm for many years, and her editorial department sends out no uncertain sound touching the interests of our Methodism. He wields a pen both unique and wise. When he writes a thing it has edge, sense and directness. As an editor he has done much toward bringing the Virginia Conference up to its high standard of efficiency in matters spiritual and material. He therefore is justly entitled to rejoice in whatever good works his conference excels in. All of those dear people have brought themselves into loving kinship with Texas by their generous contributions to our storm-torn people on the Gulf. And we appreciate all that was done in this particular by the brethren of other conferences. But the Virginia Conference excelled them all, with the Southwest Missouri a close second. We clip the following paragraph from the last week's issue of the Richmond, and reach clear over the connection to grasp our conferees by the hand:

Texas is a long distance from Virginia. The Lone Star State is at one point on the periphery of the big "Iron Wheel" and the "Old Dominion" is over against that point—a diameter distant. But Texas, torn by hurricane, is neighbor to Virginia; the stroke of their hearts are each the echo of each. Bradfield came towards Virginia telling to the Southern Conference along the route the horror of that tempest in Galveston. The Memphis Conference responded to the appeal with \$83.65; White River (Arkansas) Conference, \$164.25; North Georgia, \$251.40; Texas Conference, \$260; Northwestern Alabama, \$366.91; North Carolina, \$433.35; Holston, \$500; Virginia Conference, one thousand, three hundred and eighty-three dollars and fifty-five cents—\$1,283.55.

## A DISTINCTIVE ACHIEVEMENT.

It is not presuming too much on the esprit de corps of our Church to say that every Methodist rejoices in the success of any part of our great polity. Such enthusiasm should be fostered and encouraged, for thereby we not only maintain one great sympathetic union, but woo a deeper interest on the part of our people in all our Church enterprises.

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years ago, made a very flattering and surprising record. It has far exceeded being merely a commercial concern, but has radiated over its territory a salutary literary influence and has done much to enhance the literary culture of the Methodists of Texas. In the city of Dallas especially can be traced the scorings of its silent, yet persistent, progress onward and forward.

The most recent, and possibly the most noteworthy, achievement which the House has made is the securing of the contract for furnishing the books of the Dallas Public Library. It is generally known to the readers of the Advocate that Andrew Carnegie, the great iron magnate of Pittsburg, Penn., has presented to the city of Dallas a handsome and appropriate library, to be equipped with the most wholesome books our literature affords. Bids for furnishing these books were submitted by a number of Eastern publishers, who endeavored strenuously to secure the contract. Every means and influence to obtain this were used—some of them slightly beyond the pale of good business etiquette. But notwithstanding this and the prejudice that Southern enterprises cannot compete with those of the East, the committee awarded the contract to a home concern—to the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South.

It is true now, beyond the slightest questioning, that the Dallas House is a success—an energetic, progressive and prosperous department of our Church which should awake the approbation of every Methodist. Those conservatives among us who, a few months ago, turned such a sorrowful, anxious and solicitous eye toward the young enterprise, will now have to seek a new something to encompass with their fears, and console with their tears. The Dallas House is going to succeed, for the management seems to have control of the staff that success is made of.

It is not often we emphasize the pleasant things that our exchanges say about us, but the publisher was recently in New Orleans, and the Advocate down there has the following to say about the Texas Advocate, and especially about the Christmas number. At that time Dr. S. S. Keener was in charge of the New Orleans Advocate, awaiting the coming of Dr. J. W. Boswell, the new editor:

"Mr. L. Blaylock and wife called at our office. Bro. Blaylock is publisher of the Texas Christian Advocate. Their Christmas number was the finest in make up, both from an editorial and publisher's point of view, that came to our office. They are making an Advocate in Texas worthy of their large clientele. Rankin and Blaylock make a fine team. If either gets frozen up in a norther, the other just moves on as if all was smooth and bright."

The Nashville Advocate, edited by Dr. Hoess, is our connectational organ. It represents all of the phases of our Church work in general and ought to be read by the preachers and by the rank and file of our people. It will help to make them full Methodists in the range of their information, and it is an eminently able paper. We have access in this office to all of the Methodist papers published in the United States and Canada, and we do not hesitate to say that the Nashville Advocate is abreast of the very best of them. By its own merit, therefore, it is entitled to the hearty support of our entire Southern Methodism.

This is the time for our preachers and young people to rally to the support of the Epworth Era. At the beginning of the new century, our Leaguers in every community ought to organize a special committee to look after subscribers to their sprightly and up-to-date organ. It has to depend almost exclusively for its success upon

its list of subscribers. It has but little income from advertising agencies. Its principal support comes from those who take and read and pay for it. We thus urge our Texas Leaguers to see to it that the Era is placed in the hands of all of their members, because it is worthy of their support and close reading. It has good matter in its columns, fine pictures to illustrate its teaching, and they are now clad in becoming costumes. Dr. DuBose is bending every energy to make the Era worthy of the Church whose young people it represents. If it is not now a success financially, the fault is with our young people and the pastors.

We are in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference, and it is a thing of beauty. It is superbly gotten out in its mechanical work and its subject matter is well prepared and most conveniently arranged. Rev. Jerome Duncan and his helpers have brought the conference under special obligation for this elegant piece of workmanship. The frontispiece is a splendid picture of Bishop Candler, and the photos of nearly all of the members of that body occur toward the close of the pamphlet. It is in every way a creditable exhibition of faithful and painstaking skill both by the editor and the publisher of the document.

**TEXAS PERSONALS.**

We appreciate a kind letter from Rev. Ben Hardy, of Plainview. He is making good progress with his work.

Rev. J. A. Stafford is starting off well on the Sherman District. We heard good reports of him in the upper section of his territory.

Rev. E. O. Taylor, D. D., of Boston, is now in the State delivering lectures on Scientific Temperance. He was recently in McKinney, and Dr. J. H. McLean speaks in high terms of his effort.

Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Ector, has been sick with la grippe for nearly a month, but hopes to be well soon. During the time he has had a relapse, and it seems harder to recover permanently from that than the original attack.

We called awhile at Sherman on our return from Denison and saw that sweet-spirited old man, Bro. J. H. Reynolds. He is in fine health and proposes to help his brethren in special services very soon.

We often have the pleasure of traveling over the Houston Central with Captain Charley Barkley, one of the politest and most efficient conductors on that line of road. He is an old Tennessean, a Methodist and a delightful gentleman. His run is from Ennis to Denison and we are always at home when we strike his train.

Bishop Key will leave early next week for his Mexican Conferences, beginning at El Paso. He will be gone a month or more. Mrs. Key thinks of accompanying him if she can get away from that crowded college. She has had thirty odd accessions to her numbers since the holidays and her hands are full and running over. Including the day pupils, the institution has already gone beyond the three hundred line.

The Central Methodist makes the following comment:

The Rev. W. C. Young, a former member of one of the Texas Conferences, and now an honored local preacher of our Church, is interesting himself very much for the local preachers in Texas. He maintains a page in the Texas Christian Advocate, and holds a weekly "chat with the local preachers." He is doing a good work.

Changes in the editorship of the Christian Courier follow in quick succession of late. Some time ago Dr. Homan gave up the place to Rev. M. M. Davis, and soon after, Brother Davis turned it back over to Dr. Homan. But in a few months Dr. Homan permanently gave up the paper and Brother Davis again came to its control. Now he again retires and Elder Farris, of McKinney, becomes editor and publisher of the Courier. We are sorry to part from Brothers

Davis and Homan, but we welcome Brother Farris. We are told that he is a man of excellent spirit and true to his convictions.

The good people of Emory are much pleased with their new preacher, Rev. W. M. Foster. He does not reach them often, but he makes himself felt and appreciated when he preaches and visits them.

From an Austin exchange we clip the following:

The ladies in charge of the Mission Sunday-school, which meets in the hall over Haldeman's cigar store, corner of Congress Avenue and Ninth Street, have decided to make an 11 o'clock and evening service each Sunday permanent part of their work and Dr. R. J. Briggs has consented to preach at these services. All who desire to have earnest religious work done among the people are invited to attend and co-operate in the work.

We have received the following unique note from Bro. Frank Manuel, of Rusk, Texas: "Stop my paper. It is paid for and the time is about up, and I am going to move. My wife has twins and I have no chance to read the paper till I get moved and the babies can sit alone. I am 71 years old, was born in North Carolina, and have been in Texas fifty years. Have been reading the Advocate forty-seven years and like it better than ever before." We cheerfully present those twins one year's subscription to the Advocate.

From the Bastrop Advertiser we take the two following personals:

With Rev. E. S. Smith, that noble Christian man of God, as presiding elder, and Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss as pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, Christianity in Bastrop should increase as never before. The Advertiser predicts glorious results for the Church during the first year of the new century.

The sermons delivered by Rev. Hotchkiss, pastor of the Methodist Church, Sunday morning and night, are mentioned as of the ablest and most interesting delivered from that pulpit. We are proud to note that the new pastor is taking well with our people, members and non-members of his Church, and the Advertiser predicts glorious results during his pastorate in our town.

The publisher spent a few hours in Greenville during the past week. He had the pleasure of meeting Rev. J. W. Hill, Presiding Elder O. S. Thomas, Rev. W. A. Bowen and Bro. I. S. Ashburn. Bro. Hill was perhaps as proud of his first pair of "brooches" and red top-boots as any boy in Texas, but no prouder of them than he is of his new church and handsome pipe organ. And he has a right to be. Bro. O. P. Thomas was just in off of his district and he reports his work flourishing. He wears his honors gracefully and is doing his work well. Bro. Bowen was rounding up subscribers for the Advocate. He preached at Wesley Church, Sunday. The publisher enjoyed a pleasant session with Bro. Ashburn and was pleased to find his health much improved. He expects soon to be actively engaged in a business enterprise. His brethren will wish him much success.

**METHODIST NEWS.**

The Methodists of Richmond, Va., are going to raise \$1500 to promote the work of city missions.

The Publishing House will soon issue a new book from the pen of Bishop J. C. Keener, the title of which is, "The Garden of Eden and the Flood."

Canadian Methodists have raised nine-tenths of their million-dollar thank offering, one-third of the whole being intended for connectational causes, and the rest for the payment of Church debts.

Dr. S. A. Steel has been invited to speak at Cornell University in February. May the Lord bless him in the service, and so bless the hundreds of young men and women gathered at that great school.—Dr. Starr is pressing the work of the Twentieth Century canvass, taking Sunday after Sunday.

Dr. Samuel C. Swallow, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, has been assailing a number of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church on their lukewarmness touching the temperance question, and he even intimates that some of them are not what they ought to be in other respects. This leads Dr. Potts, of the Michigan Advocate, to write an editorial in

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**THE DEMAND FOR THE BIBLE ALONE EXCEEDS THAT FOR GOSPEL HYMNS. THEIR SUCCESSOR SACRED SONGS No 2**

The Christian Guardian, the well known organ of the Methodist Church, published in Toronto, enters this week on the seventy-first year of its splendid existence. It is now the oldest, and probably the most widely circulated, of any of the religious journals of Canada. Indeed, it is one of the oldest newspapers of any kind published in this country.

A Missouri correspondent of the Baltimore Advocate says: "We noticed from reports sent out that the Epworth Era lost in a year about \$8000; that the receipts were not quite half as much as the expenditures for its publication. If all our Church papers were published by the Church, our losses would be as heavy in proportion to our numbers as was reported by the M. E. Church."

In our last issue we stated that Bishop Ninde, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, had just died at Terrell, this State. The Bishop did die, but it was at Detroit, Mich. We were led into the error as to the place in which he died by the Daily News. It contained a special dispatch from Terrell announcing the death of the Bishop at that place. How the News made such a blunder we are unable to understand.



Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 4, JANUARY 27.

CHRIST SILENCES THE PHARISEES.

Matt. 22:34-46.

Golden Text: "What think ye of Christ?"—Matt. 22:42.

The scene of this lesson was the temple, and it occurred the same day as last Sunday's lesson, and just three days before the crucifixion. The Sadducees were the agnostics of Christ's day. They denied the doctrine of the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the dead. They raised this latter question with the Savior by asking him a question in supposition. His answer was so clear and scriptural that they made no other inquiry; and when the multitude heard it they were all astonished at his teachings. Then it was that the Pharisees tried their skill in casuistry. One of them wanted to know the great commandment in the law. He answered this interrogator in sincerity. He took the fundamental position that man's first duty was to love God supremely, and that his second was to love his neighbor as himself. He made all of the law and the prophets to hang upon these two principles. There was no appeal from this answer. It was final. Then Christ turned with a very serious question upon them, but they declined to commit themselves. That question, "What think ye of Christ?" still comes to us. Upon its correct answer depends our hope of salvation. If we say that he is a good man and that he is a great teacher, we fall short of the whole truth. Like Peter, we must say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." This sort of an acknowledgment of him alone meets the truth in its fullness. Notice the following points:

- 1. It is easier to ask questions than to answer them, so far as we are concerned, but Christ was just as ready with answers as he was with questions. In him were the depths of all wisdom. He knows all knowledge.
2. Christ alone teaches that love to God is the basis of all moral duty. Then following this, love for our fellow-man. The latter can not exist in its completeness until the other has been experienced.
3. Christ is equal with God in all of the elements of his character. The forty-fourth and forty-fifth verses teach this beyond all doubt. He existed before David. He was with God in the beginning. He is God over all and blessed forevermore.

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE STUDY.

How the Uniform Sunday-School Lessons Are Selected.

By Lewis Collins, Field Secretary of Texas Sunday-School Association.

Throughout the nineteenth century, prior to 1872, the authorities in each Sunday-school chose the portion of the Scripture to be studied. Indeed, in most cases each teacher suited her own fancy.

The only feature of uniformity, generally, was in the use of Webster's blue-back speller, or denominational question book or catechism. To-day the speller and question book are gone. The catechism is largely a "dead-letter"—little used. The Word of God is supreme!

The credit belongs to Sunday-school Conventions.

As he took forty years to train Moses for a leader, so God took years to train the men for the work that now finds glorious realization, and presses on with giant strides to every corner of the world.

R. F. Jacob, John H. Vincent, H. Clay Trumbull, had just the training most suited—business, pastoral, editorial, and were Secretaries of National Sunday-school Conventions. Each has shown fruitage of such training—such opportunities.

Trumbull, the Presbyterian, has become the clearest, simplest, most forceful writer on Sunday-school topics in the world—the editor of the Sunday-school Times.

Vincent, the Methodist, developer, if not originator, of the first Chautauque and its whole idea as amplified by a score of summer assemblies all over the land, and by home and correspondence educational courses very widely used—an organizer and writer of power along Sunday-school lines, a Bishop in his Church.

Jacobs, the Baptist, leader in conventions, and organization, and "Father" of the International Uniform Bible Lessons, now being used each Sunday by

some 25,000,000 people, in every country on the globe whither the religion of Jesus Christ has gone.

Strange that God should select a leader in each of the three largest denominations in this land! How they were and are together as one pressing the teaching service of the Church, the uniform lessons, perfect organization! What a lesson for their followers! Let denominational loyalty remain, but place it second—a servant to Christian loyalty, love to God, to others of the household of faith, toward the unsaved.

At the fifth National Sunday-school Convention in 1872, in Indianapolis, the Uniform Lesson system was adopted and the first Lesson Committee appointed, with instructions "to select a course of Bible lessons for a series of years, not exceeding seven, which shall, as far as they decide possible, embrace a general study of the whole Bible, alternating between the Old and New Testaments, semi-annually or quarterly, as they shall deem best. Under these instructions the lessons were selected, until at the eighth International Convention in Boston, the period for the course was reduced to six years.

(Omitting many historical facts and incidents for want of space, we proceed.)

The present Lesson Committee, chosen at Boston, consists of fifteen pastors, educators and laymen, in the United States and Canada, called the "American," and of six in England, one in India and one in United Australia, called the "British" Committee. The American Committee takes the initiative. Meetings are held annually, and the work of selecting the lessons is outlined by the entire body. Thus, on the suggestion of Dr. A. F. Schaffler, Presbyterian, of New York City, this six years' course is a "biographical" study of Scriptures, beginning with January 1, 1899, and continuing for eighteen months, a chronological study of the life of Jesus in the four gospels. And three and a half years are to be given to the New, two and a half years to the Old Testament.

The outline plan settled, sub-committees on New Testament Lessons and Old Testament Lessons are appointed to meet as they please. Their report is discussed and adopted (with or without amendments) by the American Committee. It is then sent over to the English Committee for their consideration. After the two bodies agree, copies of every Title, Golden Text, Lesson Text, Memory Verses and other Scripture Readings for a year are sent to the denominational Publishing Houses, and that two years before they will be studied in Sunday-schools, so that ample time may be given to all writers and commentators to give their best and maturest thought to preparing the quarterly graded "helps."

The American Committee is selected from the nine numerically strongest Protestant denominations, two from Canada, thirteen from the United States. They receive no pay whatever for their services. Their traveling and other expenses are paid by a pro rata assessment upon the denominational and independent publishers of lesson "helps."

The International Sunday-school Convention, which chooses the Lesson Committee, meets once in three years. Its next session will be in Denver in 1902. It is composed of delegates from all the States and from the Province of Canada. Texas had but one delegate at Boston, eighteen at Atlanta in 1899; sixty or more will go to Denver. Thus Texas has a voice in choosing the Lesson Committee, a responsibility if its delegates do not attend the convention; an inestimable weekly and daily benefit from the use of the lessons.

LEWIS COLLINS, Field Secretary of Texas S. S. Ass'n.

Epworth League Department.

Topic for January 27: "Our League Mottoes."—Neh. 4:19-21; 4:6; Ps. 5:3; Luke 5:7; Josh. 1:3-6.

A motto is a terse, emphatic statement of a principle, a purpose, a useful fact, or a belief. The Epworth League has adopted three expressions of this nature, which should be committed to memory and repeated frequently, that we might keep before us the meaning and aim of our organization.

The First.—Our first motto is simple but expressive, adopted from the Young People's Christian League, one of the progenitors of the Epworth League. It is: "Look up; lift up." Our strength comes from above; we look to God for help; our business is with those around us; we must lift them up by God's help out of sin, misery and darkness, into liberty, joy and light.

The Second.—Our second motto is

taken from John Wesley: "I desire to form a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ." Christ recognized that those who cast out devils in his name must be his friends, and his prayer for his disciples, and for those who "shall believe on me through their word," was "that they all may be one." As soldiers fighting singly, we can do little; but as an army under a single Leader, with one purpose, the strongholds of sin must fall. "We are not divided, all one body we; one in faith and doctrine, one in charity."

The Third.—The last is the memorable sentiment uttered by the beloved and lamented Simpson, which became the motto of the Young People's Methodist Alliance, another of the forerunners of the League: "We live to make our own Church a power in the land, while we live to love every other Church that exalts our Christ." This is a similar sentiment differently expressed.

The Scripture passages lay stress on the necessity for work and co-operation, and watchfulness, and praise, and helpfulness and hopefulness. The roots of our mottoes are assuredly found embedded in these verses.

Personal Mottoes.—It is helpful to select from God's Word some passage that represents one's ideal, and make it one's motto for life. Take an inspiring verse, and keep it in view and live it!

Fellow-Leaguers of Texas:

On League Sunday, the 13th inst., our various chapters will give hundreds of subscriptions to our Epworth Era. It will be our privilege, if we so desire, to send these subscriptions in the name of some contestant for the Era's trip to the California Conference in July.

It seems to me that we all should be interested in this, so take this method of announcing that Miss Jennie Young, of Kyle, First Vice President of the district, has entered the contest, and if you have not promised your subscriptions to some one else, or there has no one entered from your own district, we respectfully ask that you help us in trying to procure the trip for Miss Young. She would make us a fine representative.

We would be glad to mail subscription blanks to any address we might receive, and will very much appreciate any help rendered.

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**TWILIGHT AND MORNING.**

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Why do we fret at the shadows? That come and are quickly gone? Do we wonder why all is not brightness? Would we appreciate day if all was sun?

Would we never grow weary of sunshine if all was day—no night? Would we exclaim at continuous sun- shine, As after a storm, "How bright!"

Are we better than our Master, Whose life was oftentimes sad? There was many a day of sorrow Spent to make his children glad. He passed through Gethsemane's garden Before raised on Calvary's cross. Shall we enjoy the bliss of heaven With enduring no earthly loss?

Let us rejoice amid the trials That are earthly and soon are past, Knowing that the crown is waiting When we reach that home at last. May we never, never weary— Jesus watched and prayed alone— For if on earth like him we suffer, With him we'll enjoy the blessed home.

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**GENERAL SHAFTER'S CHICKEN.**

In General Shafter's quarters at San Francisco is a fine glossy, "black Span- ish" pullet which, if it had the power of speech, could tell a thrilling and pathetic story, which the Youth's Com- panion relates.

Early in July, 1898, when the Ameri- can army in Cuba was supplying food to the starving reconcentrados in El Ca- ney, a terrific storm wrought such hav- oc to the roads that it became impos- sible to convey further supplies to the town. General Shafter therefor issued an order that all who were able might walk to his camp, six miles away, and draw rations.

The order set in motion one of the saddest processions that ever follow- ed in the wake of war. Raged, hungry, weak, emaciated, a line of specters daily wound its awful length through swamp and mud and jungle toward the blessed food.

Lieutenant Brooke and an interpre- ter were returning to camp from El Caney one day, when they saw a little band of the reconcentrados ahead of them. Behind the men and women lagged a six-year-old boy. He was evidently sick and weary unto death, but still he tottered persistently on.

At length, his last ounce of strength gone, he fell, and lay there in the mud, unable to rise. His father and mother glanced back at him stolidly, and went on. Their own strength would be hard- ly sufficient to carry them to camp, and suffering had dulled their sensibili- ties. If he could not keep up, he must die where he fell.

Lieutenant Brooke dropped from his horse, picked the boy up, and galloped into camp with him. There he fed him until he could eat no more, wrapped him in warm blankets, and left him to the long, dreamless sleep of ex- hausted childhood. An old Cuban wom-

an washed his little cotton shirt and trousers, and after a few days' rest, he was sent back to El Caney with a generous supply of provisions.

Two days later the little fellow, still weak and pale, again appeared in camp. Going straight to Lieutenant Brooke, he took a small chicken from inside his little shirt, and with tears in his eyes, presented it. It was the only thing he could give him, he said to show his appreciation of the senior's kindness. He had walked all the way from El Caney through the deep mud, and after he had made his humble present, he walked back.

Lieutenant Brooke took the chicken to General Shafter and told its story. The General tethered it to his tent- pole. When he entered Santiago, he took the bird with him. There her nightly roost was a gilded chandelier in the governor's palace. When the army moved out to camp again, the chicken went too. Later, she journey- ed to Montauk Point, then to Govern- or's Island, and now she struts and scratches and cackles contentedly in San Francisco, a living reminder of a deed of mercy, a pathetic acknowledg- ment, and the gratitude with which at least one little reconcentrado will al- ways recall los Americanos.—The Pres- byterian.

**MARRIAGES.**

Kimbrough-Hall.—At the residence of Dr. Bosan, in San Saba, Texas, January 2, 1901, Mr. W. H. Kimbrough and Miss Beulah Hall, Rev. M. A. Black officiating.

Henderson-Inman.—December 25, 1899, near Kerens, Texas, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Louis Henderson and Miss Lela Inman, Rev. S. P. Neill officiating.

Farris-Ward.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Kerens, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. Frank Farris and Miss Annie Ward, Rev. S. P. Neill officiating.

Walston-Krohne.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Krohne, near Lyons, on the evening of December 28, 1899, Mr. W. W. Walston and Miss George R. Krohne, all of Burleson County, Rev. W. E. McLellan officiating.

Plemmon-Stanford.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Spring Valley, Mc- Lennan County, Texas, December 5, 1899, Mr. William Plemmon and Miss Della Stanford, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Hedrick-Horton.—At the parsonage, Rice, Texas, by Rev. J. C. Mims, Janu- ary 3, 1901, Mr. Hedrick and Mrs. Hor- ton; all of Navarro County.

Wright-McMullen.—At the residence of the bride's father, R. M. McMullen, Chat- tahoo, Texas, January 6, 1901, by Rev. J. C. Mims, Mr. J. W. Wright and Miss Susie McMullen.

Barber-Tompkins.—In the Methodist Church, Anson, Texas, by Rev. J. H. Trimble, January 1, 1901, Mr. A. E. Bar- ber, of Fisher County, and Miss Mamie Tompkins, of Anson, Texas.

Eason-Thurman.—At the parsonage, Glen Cove, Texas, January 2, 1901, Mr. Talmage Eason and Miss Minnie Thur- man, Rev. G. W. Tompkin officiating.

Tramel-Jones.—December 27, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Rock- wall, Mr. Z. F. Tramel, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Miss Katie E. Jones, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood officiating.

McDaniel-Phinney.—At Marble Falls, December 25, 1899, in the Methodist Church, at 2:15 p. m. Mr. A. McDaniel and Miss Nellie Phinney, Rev. Jas. M. Sher- man officiating.

Kellom-Reynolds.—At the home of the writer, near Palace, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 28, 1899, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. W. A. Kellom and Miss Tishie Reynolds, Rev. Frank Everett officiating.

Howell-Brown.—At the home of the bride, near Bowlesboro, Van Zandt County, Texas, January 6, 1901, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. T. D. Howell and Miss Annie Brown, Rev. Frank Everett officiating.

Shoemaker-Tabor.—December 25, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Rockwall, Texas, by Rev. W. M. Leather- wood, Mr. T. W. Shoemaker and Miss- Eula Lee Tabor, all of Rockwall County.

Taylor-Hendricks.—At the parsonage, in San Saba, December 29, 1899, Mr. Tay-

lor and Mrs. Hendricks, all of San Saba County, Rev. M. A. Black officiating.

Renfro-Herring.—At the residence of the bride, near San Saba, December, 1899, Mr. Renfro, of Mills County, and Mrs. Herring, Rev. M. A. Black officiating.

Eadlen-Anderson.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anderson, Verona, Texas, Mr. Eadlen and Miss Kenzie Anderson, Rev. J. W. Blackburn officiat- ing.

Dejevo-McChuer.—At the parsonage gate, Sunday morning, December 20, 1899, Mr. J. G. Dejevo and Miss M. McChuer, Rev. J. W. Blackburn officiating.

Strong-Gresham.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Gresham, on Sunday evening, January 6, 1901, Mr. W. H. Strong and Miss Annie Gresham, all of Verona, Texas, Rev. J. W. Blackburn officiating.

Lambert-Williams.—On December 22, 1899, by Rev. J. M. McArthur, Mr. L. B. Lambert and Miss Laura Williams, at the residence of the bride's parents.

Verduzco-Hill.—In the church at Polly, Borden County, on December 27, 1899, Rev. Pablo G. Verduzco, pastor of the Mexican Church of San Antonio, and Miss Isabel Hill, granddaughter of Rev. "Pol- ly" Rodriguez, by Rev. G. B. Winston, presiding elder of the San Antonio Dis- trict, Mexican Border Conference.

Armstrong-Yaeger.—In Millett, Texas, at the home of the bride's mother, on De- cember 12, 1899, Mr. E. L. Armstrong, Jr., and Miss Josephine Yaeger, Rev. T. S. Armstrong officiating.

Cook-Todd.—At the bride's parents, on December 28, 1899, Mr. A. G. Cook, of Houston, Texas, and Miss Etta Todd, of Aledo, Texas, Rev. A. S. Hilburn of- ficating.

Foraker-Rouch.—At Dodd, Texas, De- cember 5, 1899, Mr. R. P. Foraker and Miss Katie Rouch, by Rev. L. L. Naugle.

Reard-Hodges.—At Dodd, Texas, De- cember 25, 1899, Mr. John H. Reard and Miss Edith Hodges, by Rev. L. L. Naugle.

Martin-Thompson.—At Dodd, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. Charles Martin and Miss Lela Thompson, by Rev. L. L. Naugle.

Carter-Carter.—At Dodd, Texas, Decem- ber 9, 1899, Mr. Dallas Carter and Miss Alma Carter, by Rev. L. L. Naugle.

Chambers-Shack.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Windom, Texas, on December 28, 1899, Mr. P. J. Chambers and Miss Edie Shack, by Rev. L. L. Naugle.

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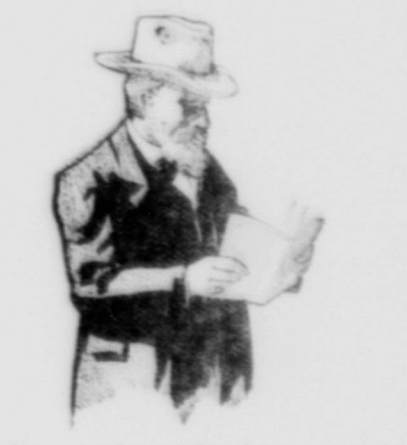
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MY TIME TABLE.

Sixty seconds make a minute—How much good can I do in it? Sixty minutes make an hour—All the good that's in my power. Twenty hours and four a day—Time for sleep and work and play. Days three hundred and sixty-five Make a year for me to strive. Right good things each day to do, That I wise may grow and true.

A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

He who has been so often my hope, my refuge, my confidence, when I stood upon the brink of an abyss where I could not move one step forward; He who, in answer to my prayer, has helped me when every prospect of help vanished; that God who has safely conducted me, not merely through flowery paths, but likewise across precipices and burning sands—may this God be thy God, thy comfort, as he has been mine—Selected.

REPORT FROM THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer and thanksgiving appointed for the week in November including Thanksgiving Day, was prayerfully kept by the auxiliary W. F. M. Society of Georgetown, Texas. The programs sent out by the Woman's Board were used in each service. A faithful few each day gathered in our church to claim the promised blessings, while those who willfully or otherwise absented themselves lost these strengthening services, calculated to aid in life's daily struggles. Such glorious opportunities should not pass unheeded, unless providentially hindered. Zion's interests languish in many hearts whose sacred vows should lead them to do faithful work in His vineyard, who says, "Go work in my vineyard." It is said every Christian is, or ought to be, a missionary; but do we all show loyalty to Him who left His glorious home to become our first missionary, that we through His goodness and mercy may accept His offered terms of a free and full salvation. Then why do so many feel but little if any interest in the world's redemption? We need every help from our patient Leader to aid in life's struggles, that victory may be complete. If we are careless and unconcerned in His work, he says, "Behold, ye are nothing, and your work of naught; an abomination is he that chooses you." (Isa. 41:24)

Thursday was a rainy day, but two faithful sisters met in the church fully carrying out the whole program, with no doubt, the "Captain of our salvation" in the midst. If all were thus faithful, what an extensive addition we would have in all work for Christ! The meeting closed Friday, with much spiritual feeling. An opportunity was given to all present to testify of blessings received during the week of prayer and thanksgiving. All had been strengthened to more and better work, and a desire to live nearer the rich fountain of our Father's love and mercy.

I have not the amount of thank-offerings received, but it was good for the faithful few, with a promise for more to follow. All will be reported at the proper time and place. The outgoing of our former pastor and the incoming of our new pastor prevented our usual sermon on such occasions. We claim it later on. From his beginning among us, he will keep us moving, and will stir up those inclined to sleep in Zion. We pray the richest success will crown his every effort in all departments of this large membership, and may a glorious revival soon sweep over Georgetown, bringing all to a saving knowledge of Christ.

MRS. MARY M. DAVIDSON, Recording Secretary, Georgetown, Texas.

(We are sorry the foregoing article has been somewhat delayed in publication, but trust the reading of it will yet do good among our members.—Ed. W. D.)

BOXES! BOXES!

Superintendent Supply Department, W. H. M. Society.

Late in November I received from Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough the following letter on this subject, which I intended to put in the King's Messenger, but it was carefully laid away and the closing year crowded me with so many duties it was overlooked until to-day. To make hasty reparation, I ask our sister editor, Mrs. Florence E. Howell, to give it space in her valuable columns, where thousands of our Home Mission Sisters will see it, with a prayer for pardon for the oversight.

We beg you to report every box sent, either to our storm sufferers on the coast or to our Mission Home at Dallas, that our work may be reported in full at the

annual meeting in St. Louis. We will promise Mrs. Yarbrough that all boxes sent the Home are reported to her.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I see in the King's Messenger a notice of supplies sent the Galveston sufferers by our Home Mission Societies. Will you please notify the auxiliaries through your paper that all such boxes and barrels can be reported to me as Superintendent of Supplies?

This is an awful calamity that has befallen our sister city, and we as Home Mission workers should do all we can to relieve our suffering friends. I have authority to have all such donations reported promptly to me, their value, etc. Don't forget the appeal in the November issue for boxes to be sent the A. R. C. Mission Home. They are so helpful, and I fear there is a falling off in the past months, if only those reported me are received. Wake up, sisters, to the value of this department to the comfort and welfare of these women and children in our Home. Send on the boxes, and report them to me. Give the name of auxiliary sending, state the value of the box, and be sure to give the name of the conference. You can not fully appreciate the magnitude of Texas until you search through five conferences to locate one little station or circuit. Sisters, please save me this trouble and time, and do your duty in this line of work, and by and by you will hear the voice of our blessed Savior, saying:

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, Enter now into your rest; Ye have won my love forever, And a home among the blest."

"I was homeless, and ye led me Out of winter's chilling air; I was hungered, and ye fed me With abundance, and to spare."

"When my soul was bowed in sorrow, Words of comfort came to me; Thirsty, faint and filled with horror, Water gave ye cool and free."

"Ye were present when death claimed me; My distress you then relieved, And my naked limbs that shamed me, Godly raiment I received."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it To a brother in my name, Your reward ye well have won it, Unto me ye did the same."

Sincerely your friend and sister, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, Superintendent of Supplies, Woman's Home Mission Society, 220 1/2 N. Cherry St., Nashville, Tenn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Treasurer, Texas Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, for quarter ending December, 1900:

Table with financial entries: Dues, auxiliaries \$125.30; Conference fund, auxiliaries 29.68; Conference fund, Juveniles 17.89; Twentieth Century fund, auxiliaries 52.99; Twentieth Century fund, Juveniles 7.25; Minutes 79; Scholarship, auxiliaries 5.00; Scholarship, Juveniles 1.00; Pledge, auxiliaries 136.42; Pledge, Juveniles 23.95; Balance from second quarter \$101.54; Receipts third quarter 282.50; Disbursements 268.82; Balance on hand \$115.92.

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BAUM—Miss Mattie Baum, of Drossy, Callahan County, Texas, died December 9, 1899, of diphtheria.

E. GENE T. BATES.

CAMPBELL—Walter Campbell, son of E. B. and Mrs. Campbell, was born in 1881, and died December 25, 1899. While in a high school in Sunday school and in the home. This was the first one to die of the family. It crushed the hearts of the parents to give up their brightest jewel. Their children must be gathered around and we must suffer them to go. May the light of heaven break in on the clouded souls. W. M. SMITH, P. C.

HOPPER—John Hopper, was born March 10, 1830, and died October 25, 1899, was buried in the Sand Hill Cemetery. He was converted and a faithful member of the Methodist Church till death. He was sick about forty days, never murmuring, but endured suffering with great patience. His wife, Mrs. Hopper, said: "It is wonderful, come up higher, oh, how hard for the widowed mother to give up her earthly stay. But God does all things well. May the sorrowing mother and loved ones strive to gain that heavenly home where parting never comes."

M. S. LEVERIDGE.

HODGINS—Little son of W. C. and Little Hodges, of San Saba, died December 15, 1899. He was born March 22, 1895. While only two years of age, he was a bright and beautiful child, with a strong tendency toward a religious life and devoted habits. The parents had started him right, and the promise was hopeful; but the long time he has blossomed out in heaven. It is not a final farewell. The parents can see him again. Thank God, Amen to a reunion in heaven.

M. A. BLACK.

WOODHOUSE—Mrs. Sophie L. Woodhouse was born in Pöthberg Baden, Germany, September 21, 1830, and died in Victoria, Texas, December 21, 1899. She was converted and joined the Church when about 7 or 8 years of age, and has been a member ever since. She was married to Jason Woodhouse in 1855, in the State of Iowa. They moved to Victoria in 1858, and Sister Woodhouse has ever since been a faithful member of our church at Victoria, where she leaves many who have known and loved her. She leaves her husband and one son to mourn their loss. Three of her children were spared her, for a number of years. Sister Woodhouse had been a great sufferer, but she has been patient and cheerful until with it all, and heaven was her reward and rest to her.

A. J. SANDERBROUGH, P. C.

HALL—John, son of M. H. and Mrs. W. H. Haggaman, was born December 25, 1890, and fell asleep in Jesus January 10, 1899. While this sweet little child was only 2 years old, yet his bright, sweet ways seemed to entangle all hearts in the meshes of love. The precious memory of this little budding life inspires to brighter hopes of the home where sin never comes, where hearts can not bleed with sorrow, and where we can dwell forever with those whom we so fondly loved. Little John will be missed in the home by all who knew him. His loving little footprints will never be heard again; but if father and mother will only be faithful to their trust, Jesus will bring them to himself, where they will be associated with little John forever.

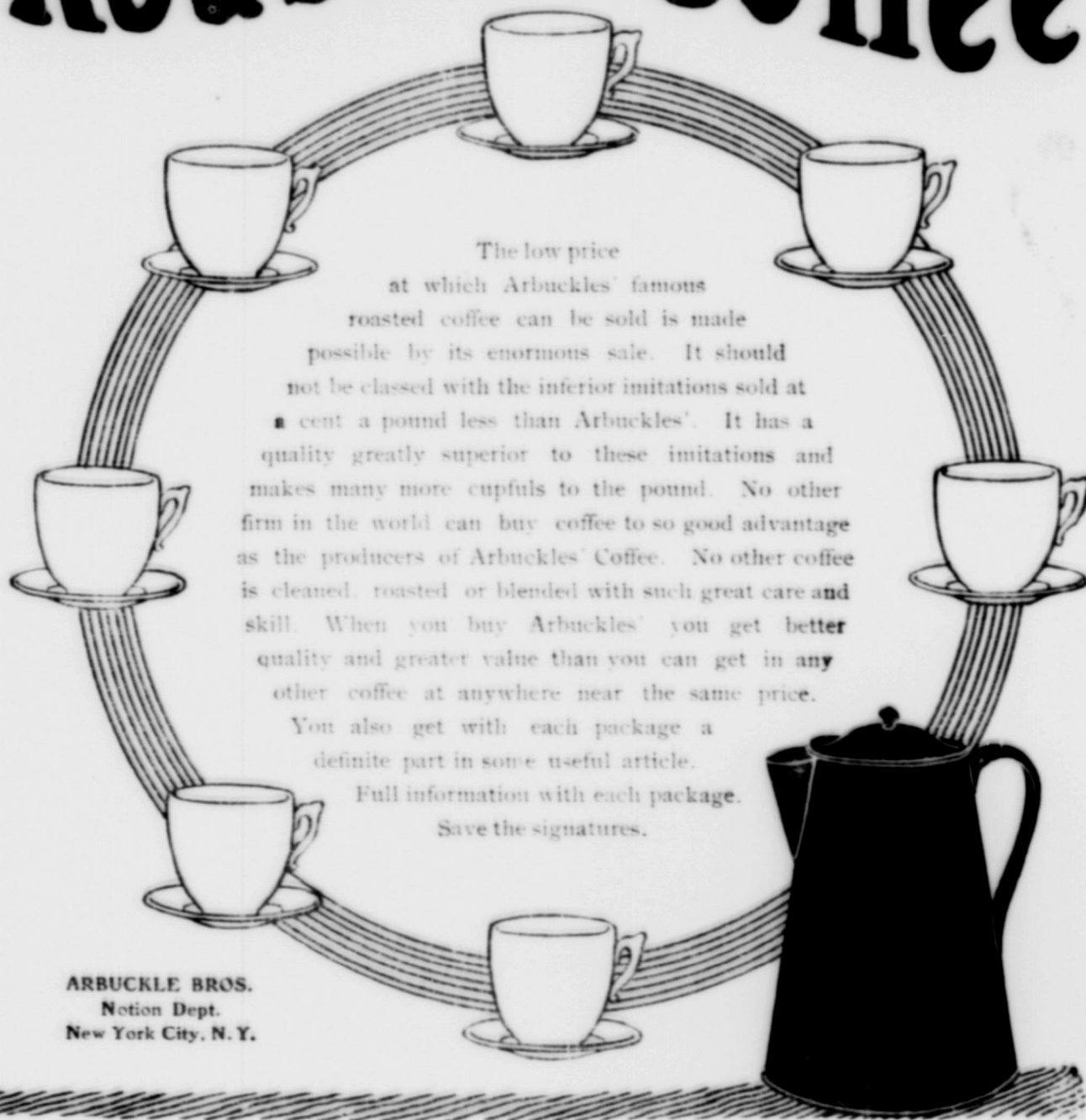
E. K. TOOLEY, Pastor.

WINN—November 28, 1899, the death angel came to the home of Billie and Gertrude Winn and took from their fond embrace their darling child, Scott Allen. All the loving care of the parents and the best medical skill failed to combat successfully that most terrible disease, diphtheria, and after a painful illness of ten days this patient, lovely little sufferer passed sweetly, without pain, into the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Many loving friends stood around his little bed and mingled their tears with those of the grief-stricken parents; but the Comforter alone can heal the wounded heart. The broken-hearted wail of the anguished mother for those cold lips once more to call "Mamma" can only be soothed by the words of divine love, and the heart-rending cry of the father, "Will my boy never run to meet me again?" can only be answered in the words of David—"He can not come to me, but I can go to him." Dear parents, suffer it to be so; know that "who best bears His mild yoke, serves Him best." We shall see and know our loved ones in heaven, and little Scott will be given to your fond embrace again.

MRS. S. J. SMITH.

HOLLAND—Mr. John Thomas Holland, the son of Green and Linza Holland, was born in Bedford County, Tenn., on February 17, 1830. In 1852 he came to Texas and settled in Garza County. The year following, in the town of Seguin, he was happily married to Miss Margaret Nell, who through forty-four years shared with him the joys and sorrows of life, and who still lives to mourn her loss. When but 16 years of age Bro. Holland professed religion, united with the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a most exemplary life till the day of his death, December 15, 1899. For twenty-nine years

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he lived in San Marcos, where many can bear testimony to his excellent character. I have heard but one verdict, and that—"John T. Holland was a good man." He was a member of the I. O. O. F. To Bro. and Sister Holland no children were born, but they adopted a son, "Lennie," who was raised to manhood and now has a family of his own. They also helped in rearing several other orphan children. Bro. Holland leaves two brothers and three sisters, all of whom are in the Church, and who hope to meet their ascended brother where the shades of night never come and partings are not known. A true Christian, a devoted husband, has gone to his reward on high.

I. T. MORRIS.

RAY—Lena Elvira Ray, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. R. Ray, was born October 12, 1855, at Marble Falls, Texas, and died November 23, 1899, at Loh, Texas. She was a smart and sweet little girl—the treasure of our home. Though young as she was, she had learned a great deal of "Jesus and his love." She would ask so many questions about Jesus and his home in heaven that we were not surprised when he took her. While we are sad at having to part with her, we are not without hope, but look forward to the resurrection morning, as He who gave has taken and can give back again. "I love by faith to take a view of brighter scenes in heaven. The prospect doth my strength renew, while bere by tempests driven. Thus, when life's tollsome day is o'er, may this departing ray be calm as this impressive hour, and lead to endless day."

HER FATHER.

KEESE—Rhoda A. Keese, whose maiden name was Roberson, was born in Alabama, February 28, 1830; was married to Wm. J. Dorrab, August 19, 1847, in Mississippi; moved to Texas in 1852, where her first husband died. She married Geo. M. Keese, December 29, 1855, with whom she lived about thirty-five years. She was

for some time a member of the Baptist Church. She was a member of the Methodist Church sixteen years before her death, December 28, 1899. The last eight years she made her home with her son—H. J. Dorrab—and was lovingly and tenderly cared for by him and his wife and children. She was noted for piety and zeal for the Church and her readiness to lend in prayer and testify in the saying power of the gospel and sufficiency of the grace of God and for words and works worthy of a true follower of Him who went about doing good. Her friends and relatives, and specially little Minnie B., whom she had in charge so long, will sadly miss her for awhile till we pass over the way she went to be with her and all the blessed and saved.

W. H. KULLOUGH, Dripston Springs, Texas.

HALLARD—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. M. C. Ballard, was born in Worth, Ga., December 1, 1824; died January 1, 1899, joined the M. E. Church, South, at Union Hill, in Cooke County, Texas, in 1858. She was a good woman; lived a consistent Christian life; was a great sufferer for more than four years, but is now at rest. The funeral services were held at the grave by the writer. God help husband and children to so live that they may meet her in the bright beyond.

B. F. McDANIEL, L. P.

McGUYER—D. P. McGuyer died in peace with God, October 18, 1899, at his home in Hico, Texas. His death ended a long and painful illness. For nearly two years he had been an invalid, and much of the time a great sufferer; but this long period of suffering was borne with becoming Christian patience, and submission to God's will. During the last months of his sickness he grew anxious for his release from earth to heaven, and prayed earnestly for the relief and rest which death brings. So by this servant of God death was hailed as a great boon—it was deliverance from suffering and the gateway to the soul's eternal rest. Bro.

McGuyer left behind a devoted Christian wife and mother with her three little children, whom she will endeavor to bring up in the fear and service of God, that they may meet the father again in our Father's eternal home, whether he has gone to abide forever. May the God of all grace comfort the mother and her children in their loneliness and sorrow, keep them from the evils of this world, and at last take them into Himself and give them the crown of eternal life.

J. E. WALKER.

MATTHEWS—Mrs. Anna E. Matthews, wife of Mac Matthews, died November 11, 1899. She was born in Louisiana October 21, 1861. Sister Matthews was converted in the summer of 1889 under the ministry of Rev. Thomas Broad at May's Chapel, Llano County, and she was a very consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, from that time up to the day of her death. Her faith in the saving power of Christ was strong in her last hours. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn an irreparable loss.

C. W. GODWIN.

FROST—Nettie Frost, daughter of Mr. T. B. and Mrs. M. L. Frost, was born March 23, 1850, and died September 28, 1899. Nettie was converted under the writer's ministry in the spring of 1875, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and as far as the writer knows, Nettie never wavered in her devotion to its principles, but always abided by her daily life that she loved Christ and the Church. The consistent beauty of her Christian life was always admired by her companions, for she truly lived her religion. I wish to say to friends and loved ones, that the death of our dear Sister Nettie should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,

brothers, in mourning their good Lord to elate by the face to shine into them. Instead of labor on his part, he should be through the storm to be that glorious bands, even give, and blessed by the Father.

SIMPSON—Not son of Simpson, was converted at the ministry center in 1850, and at a young age. He was a Christian, and his daily work was consistent. He died in the arms of his Father, and his death should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,

HEALE—Frank County, died in the still to mourn. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and his death should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,

PATTERSON—born in 1840. He died at his wife's home in 1899. His wife brought to him a young son, who was named after his father. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and his death should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,

DOUGLASS—daughter of Douglas, died in 1899. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and her death should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,

HALL—Mrs. was born in 1830. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and her death should excite our most serious thoughts and impress the fact of our mortality upon our minds, that we may contemplate the end for which we were created and perform our work ere "the night of death" overtakes us, and all our cherished plans fail in the grave. Nettie leaves father, mother,





brothers, sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Our prayer is that the good Lord may bless the hearts made desolate by this bereavement. Make thy face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them. May this event make us more mindful of our vows and obligations to thee and to each other, and when our labor on earth is ended, may we be found purified by thy grace and worthy through the merits of our Divine Redeemer to be selected as chosen pillars in that glorious temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

GEO. W. LEWIS, P. C.  
Pale Pinto, Texas.

**SIMPSON**—Mary Simpson, the youngest son of Mr. W. B. and Mrs. Jane Simpson, was born December 18, 1871, was converted at Harmony Chapel, 1888, under the ministry of A. B. Roberts; died December 12, 1899, aged 27 years, lacking seven days. He was sick only a few days, during which time he suffered intensely. He bore his sufferings with becoming Christian resignation. His life was one of unostentatious Christian simplicity; his daily walk was that of scrupulous consistency; his ebullient conversation evinced the fact that he was building his spiritual house upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone. He departed this life under the full realization that he cherished a well-founded hope of a blissful immortality, where the weary he at rest. May his benevolent parents, brothers, sisters and numerous friends find a solace in the thought that their loss is his eternal gain.

J. E. BLAYLOCK.

**DEWALL**—Robert A. Dewall was born in Rock County, Texas, January 2, 1825. He lived in the community of his nativity until he moved to Lone Oak, Hunt County. About a year ago, February 19, 1898, he was married to Miss Ida Peck, who was his most devoted companion through life. May the good Lord be her stay in this deep sorrow and give her grace sufficient to raise the five fatherless children left to her. Brother Dewall, from his childhood was morally inclined, but was not converted till the summer after his marriage. He made a complete surrender of his life to God, and, as a result, had a most convincing realization of his sins forgiven and his acceptance as a child of God. At once he joined the Church. I have never known a more consistent man, a more devout spirit, a more joyous Christian than Bro. Dewall. After several weeks' illness he passed away October 27, 1899. The next day a beautiful Sabbath-an appropriate service was held at the church, and then we committed his body to mother earth in the midst of a vast throng of friends.

R. H. FIELDS.

**PATTERSON**—E. M. Patterson was born in Fulshear, Texas, August 18, 1828. He died at his home in Paris, Texas, with his two daughters, December 21, 1899. As Cooper had been his home up to 1882, and his wife being buried here, he was brought back to Cooper, Christiana, morning where was buried here at 7 o'clock. Bro. Patterson was married to Miss Miriam Smith October 12, 1862. Of this union there were born nine children, all of whom are still living. His wife preceded him to the better land about fifteen years. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, over fifty years ago, and had all these years been a faithful Christian—true to God and the Church. His only regret in dying was leaving his children. He died as he lived, Bro. Patterson was an old settler of Texas, having moved here in 1846, and settled in Delta County, of the country now included in Delta County, where he lived until 1862, when he moved to Paris, where he had lived since. He had many friends and leaves an abiding influence for good. May God's blessing rest upon the bereaved children in his prayer.

E. L. SIMPSON.

**DOUGLAS**—Mrs. Ida Douglas, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swain, of Douglasville, Texas, was born near that place December 12, 1826, and died June 3, 1899, near Bryan's Mill, Texas. She was the wife of Mr. Robt. M. Douglas, only son of our much-loved and eminent physician, Dr. Marshall Douglas, of Cass County, Texas.

They were happily married at her father's home, November 7, 1844, and were blessed a well-matched couple. Several years prior to her marriage, while yet in her youth, she gave her heart to God and committed herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the service of which she continued faithful until God said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Everyone who knew Miss Ida, as she was familiarly known, loved her and felt when she was laid away to rest that one had gone from home. No wife was more devoted to her husband, no mother more loving to her children, no friend more true to her friends. To teach and train the children in the way they should go was a work she loved with all her heart. To assist her husband even in his business was a pleasure. She was indeed a help-mate. It is sad to us to see home without her and to know that her place can never be filled; but God knows and does what is best for his people. The loss to us of this noble Christian woman is irreparable, but to her it is insupportable gain; for she is in heaven enjoying the inexhaustible riches of the infinite God. Three little ones, a bereaved husband, a father and mother, and a host of friends are left to mourn their loss. She was indeed a good mother, a true wife, an obedient daughter and a sympathetically friend.

W. H. K.

**HALE**—Mrs. Louise P. Hale (nee Peretz) was born in Yverdon, Switzerland, Feb. 16, 1831; came to America when five years old, and at eight she and her sister who now survive her, lost their parents in Fort Smith, Ark., where she was reared and married to Jas. H. Shaw. Her husband had soon after the Mexican war, in which he served. After this event she resided with the famous J. W. P. McKimble College in Red River County, where she educated her only child and preacher son, Jas. H. Shaw, Jr., deceased, of the North Texas Conference. She was then married to Mr. Wood Sherron about 1865, with whom she lived happily until about the year 1878, when the death of this husband left her in widowhood

again. His children loved her much, and now mourn her death. In 1881 she was again married to Thos. Hale, who died in 1886. Grandmother Hale was a mother to the orphans and the friend of all. She reared to honored manhood and womanhood Sumner and Louise Shaw, the children of her deceased son, except a few years in which Dr. J. B. Allen and wife cared for Sumner in their own parsonage home, adding their prayers of sympathy and Christian character to his young life. She was a descendant of the French Huguenots, and belonged to a family of wonderful history. She was possessed of a cheerful and happy spirit, looking for the bright side of everything, and always having a cheerful word for everybody. When about twenty years of age she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent member until she was called to join the spirit host across the river. On December 21, 1899, the last night of the old year and of the century, she suddenly fell asleep in the home of her grandchildren, Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Hale, in Colburn, Tex., where she was buried in the M. E. Church, South, by the side of that of her son and other loved ones. We laid her body in the grave to sleep until the resurrection morning.

J. F. VINSON,  
Paris, Texas.

**McDONALD**—Robt. William McDonald, son of Rev. W. T. McDonald, of the Texas Conference, and Mrs. Mary E. McDonald, was born in Harrison County, Texas, June 26, 1826, and died at Anderson, Texas, Nov. 1, 1899. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years, and was a devoted and obedient to his parents and kind to all. While was true to his friends, and very much loved by the good and fair-minded people with whom he was known. A faithful member of the Church at Anderson, he had been at work trying to collect the members' salaries for his presbytery on the morning of that terrible day at Anderson. After he had been shot he went for medicine. Though bleeding to death, he was anxious to pay over the money that he had collected for his presbytery. When I looked at him he had a message to leave for his father. He told me, "Tell papa that I have been trying to get a good boy and have been out of all this time. I am about this election. It is not my fault that I am lying here in this condition. It is true. It was not his fault, but young Stewart that we all loved as well as him, I believe, in the Church at Anderson on the other side."

J. C. MURKIN.

**McDONALD**—Robert William McDonald, son of Rev. W. T. McDonald, and wife, of the Texas Conference, departed this life in Anderson, Texas, November 1, 1899. He was born June 26, 1826, and was a young man of a noble and noble character. He was a devoted and obedient to his parents and kind to all. While was true to his friends, and very much loved by the good and fair-minded people with whom he was known. A faithful member of the Church at Anderson, he had been at work trying to collect the members' salaries for his presbytery on the morning of that terrible day at Anderson. After he had been shot he went for medicine. Though bleeding to death, he was anxious to pay over the money that he had collected for his presbytery. When I looked at him he had a message to leave for his father. He told me, "Tell papa that I have been trying to get a good boy and have been out of all this time. I am about this election. It is not my fault that I am lying here in this condition. It is true. It was not his fault, but young Stewart that we all loved as well as him, I believe, in the Church at Anderson on the other side."

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**MAVER**—Mrs. M. E. Maver, wife of Rev. J. L. Maver, died at Belle Hill, Llano County, Tex., December 27, 1899, at 7 o'clock. Her maiden name was T. C. She was born in South Carolina, September 11, 1829. When she was a young girl she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a very consistent member. On January 2, 1850, she was married to J. L. Maver, her first husband. Sister Maver was the highest type of a Christian. She was devoted to her husband, no mother more loving to her children, no friend more true to her friends. To teach and train the children in the way they should go was a work she loved with all her heart. To assist her husband even in his business was a pleasure. She was indeed a help-mate. It is sad to us to see home without her and to know that her place can never be filled; but God knows and does what is best for his people. The loss to us of this noble Christian woman is irreparable, but to her it is insupportable gain; for she is in heaven enjoying the inexhaustible riches of the infinite God. Three little ones, a bereaved husband, a father and mother, and a host of friends are left to mourn their loss. She was indeed a good mother, a true wife, an obedient daughter and a sympathetically friend.

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**CLARK**—Miss M. E. Clark, nee Chamberlain, died at her home near Chamberlain, Texas, Nov. 11, 1899, at 10 o'clock. She was born in Missouri, and was a member of the M. E. Church, South. She was a devoted and obedient to her parents and kind to all. While was true to her friends, and very much loved by the good and fair-minded people with whom she was known. A faithful member of the Church at Chamberlain, she had been at work trying to collect the members' salaries for her presbytery on the morning of that terrible day at Chamberlain. After she had been shot she went for medicine. Though bleeding to death, she was anxious to pay over the money that she had collected for her presbytery. When I looked at her she had a message to leave for her father. She told me, "Tell papa that I have been trying to get a good boy and have been out of all this time. I am about this election. It is not my fault that I am lying here in this condition. It is true. It was not his fault, but young Stewart that we all loved as well as him, I believe, in the Church at Chamberlain on the other side."

J. C. MURKIN.

The above was written by Mrs. V. P. Chamberlain, who sister to the deceased. I want to add, as the pastor of Chamberlain, that the last two years before her death that it is not possible to say how much she loved her. I may have been at her home, as our Christian friends at Chamberlain, but I do not think I ever knew her better woman. She was a devoted and obedient to her parents and kind to all. While was true to her friends, and very much loved by the good and fair-minded people with whom she was known. A faithful member of the Church at Chamberlain, she had been at work trying to collect the members' salaries for her presbytery on the morning of that terrible day at Chamberlain. After she had been shot she went for medicine. Though bleeding to death, she was anxious to pay over the money that she had collected for her presbytery. When I looked at her she had a message to leave for her father. She told me, "Tell papa that I have been trying to get a good boy and have been out of all this time. I am about this election. It is not my fault that I am lying here in this condition. It is true. It was not his fault, but young Stewart that we all loved as well as him, I believe, in the Church at Chamberlain on the other side."

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We have shown, we think, in the foregoing papers that the local preachers have been in the lead all along the line of action from New York to Texas in the establishment of Methodism upon this continent, and now we take a short leave of absence from the Occident to cross the Atlantic to see how it was in the sunny Orient on the Eastern Hemisphere. Here we linger for a little while upon one of the beautiful isles of the sea to view the birthplace of Methodism, and review the struggles and activities of two of the most renowned local preachers who have lived since the days of the apostles, the results of whose labors have touched the literature and are shaping the destinies of all civilized nations.

We now place in evidence the American edition of Richard Watson's Life of Rev. John Wesley, a book published at Cincinnati, O. in 1859, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, and sold by the Southern Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., as an authentic history of the founders of the Methodist societies.

John Wesley was ordained deacon in the Established Church of England September, 1725, and the year following was elected Fellow of Lincoln College. He spent the summer after his election to the fellowship with his parents in Lincolnshire. In September he returned to Oxford and resumed his usual studies. His skill in logic or the art of reasoning was universally known and admired. The high opinion that was entertained of him in those respects was soon publicly expressed by choosing him Greek lecturer and moderator of the classes on the 7th of November, though he had only been elected fellow of the college in March, was little more than 23 years of age, and had not proceeded Master of Arts. He took this degree in February, 1727, became his father's curate in August the same year, returned to Oxford in 1728 to obtain priest's orders, and paid another visit to Oxford in 1729, where during his stay he attended the meetings of a small society formed by his brother Charles, Mr. Morgan and a few others, to assist each other in their studies, and to consult how to employ their time to the best advantage. After about a month he returned to Epworth, but the rector of his college, requiring his residence, he quitted his father's curacy and in November again settled in Oxford. He now obtained pupils and became tutor in the college, presided as moderator in the disputations six times a week, and had the chief direction of a religious society. It is, however, necessary to turn to the history of Mr. Charles Wesley, whose labors in the early periods of Methodism were inferior only to those of his brother.

Charles Wesley was five years younger than his brother John, and was educated at Westminster School under his eldest brother, Samuel, who was 16 years his senior. The lively disposition of Charles, although he pursued his studies diligently, and was unblamable in his conduct, repelled all those exhortations to a more strictly religious course which John seriously urged upon him after he was elected to Christ Church. During his brother's absence, as his father's curate, his letters, however, became more grave, and when Mr. John Wesley returned to Oxford in November, 1729, I found him, he observes, in great earnestness to save his soul. His own account of himself is that he lost his first year at college in diversions; that the next he set himself to study; that diligence led him into serious thinking; that he went to the weekly sacrament, persuading two or three students to accompany him, and that he observed the method of study prescribed by the statutes of the university. Thus says he gained me the harmless name of Methodist. Thus it appears that Charles was the first modern Methodist, and that he in fact laid the foundations of the religious society which continues to be distinguished by that appellation. To this society Mr. John Wesley joined himself on his return to reside at Oxford, and by his influence and energy gave additional vigor to their exertions to promote their own spiritual improvement and the good of others. The little society of Methodist, as they were called, began now to extend its operations. When Mr. Wesley joined them they committed its management to him, and he has himself stated its original members. In November, 1729, four young gentlemen of Oxford, Mr. John Wesley, fellow of Lincoln College; Mr. Charles Wesley, student of Christ Church; Mr. Morgan, commoner of Christ Church, and Mr. Kirkman, of Merton College, began to spend some evenings in a week together in read-

ing chiefly the Greek Testament. The next year two or three of Mr. John Wesley's pupils desired the liberty of meeting with them, and afterward one of Mr. Charles Wesley's pupils. In 1732 Mr. Ingham, of Queen's College, and Mr. Broughton, of Exeter, were added to their number. To them in April was joined Mr. Clayton, of Brezen-nose, with two or three of his pupils. About the same time Mr. James Percey was permitted to meet with them, and afterward Mr. Whitefield.

This was the beginning of Methodism in Oxford. It was through the instrumentality of a layman of the Established Church of England, who had not yet reached the dignity of an ordained preacher, but was a tutor in the school in Christ College until the middle of the year 1735, when he took holy orders and accompanied his brother, John Wesley, on his mission to America to preach to the Colonists of Georgia, and to attempt the conversion of the Indians.

"Before Mr Wesley entered upon the career which afterward distinguished him, and having no preconceived plan or course of conduct, but to seek good for himself and to do good to others, he visited the Moravian Settlement in Germany. From thence he proceeded to Herrnhut, where he stayed a fortnight, conversing with the elders and observing the economy of that Church, part of which, with modifications, he afterward introduced among his own societies. He added, in another place, I was exceedingly comforted and strengthened by the conversation of this lovely people, and returned to England morally determined to spend my life in testifying the gospel of the grace of God. He arrived in London in September, 1738. His future course of life does not appear to have been shaped out in his mind; no indication of this appears in any of his letters or other communication. So little ground is there for the insinuation which has been so often made that he early formed the scheme of making himself the head of a sect. During Mr. Wesley's visit to Germany his brother, Charles, was zealously employed in preaching the same doctrines and with equal zeal in the Churches in London. At this time he also visited Oxford and was made useful to several of his old college friends. Mr. Whitefield was at this time at Oxford, and pressed Charles earnestly to accept a college living, which, as Dr. Whitehead justly observes, gives pretty clear evidence that no plan of itinerant preaching was yet fixed on, nor indeed thought of. Had any such plan been in agitation among them it is very certain Mr. Whitefield would not have urged this advice on Mr. Charles Wesley, whom he loved as a brother, and whose labors he highly esteemed."

The account of the beginning of Methodism in London is given in Section 2 of the old editions of our Book of Discipline as follows: "In the latter end of the year 1729 eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley in London who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer and advise them how to free from the wrath to come which they saw continually hanging over their heads. To these and as many more as desired to join with them (for their numbers increased daily), he gave those advices from time to time which he judged most needful for them. This was the rise of the United Societies first in Europe and then in America."

This took place ten years after the start of Methodism under the labors of Charles Wesley at Oxford. Up to this time Methodism had taken no official organic form. But from the beginning at Oxford in 1729, until the Christmas Conference which met in Baltimore, Maryland, December 25, 1784, a period of 55 years, Methodism was carried forward by the labors of local preachers and self-appointed missionaries, who were till that time communicants of the Established Church of England, but thence forward severed their connection with the Mother Church, and gave their allegiance to the organized establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then it was that our young and more vigorous sons in the ministry went away from us with the itinerant band to take the official leadership of our organized army.

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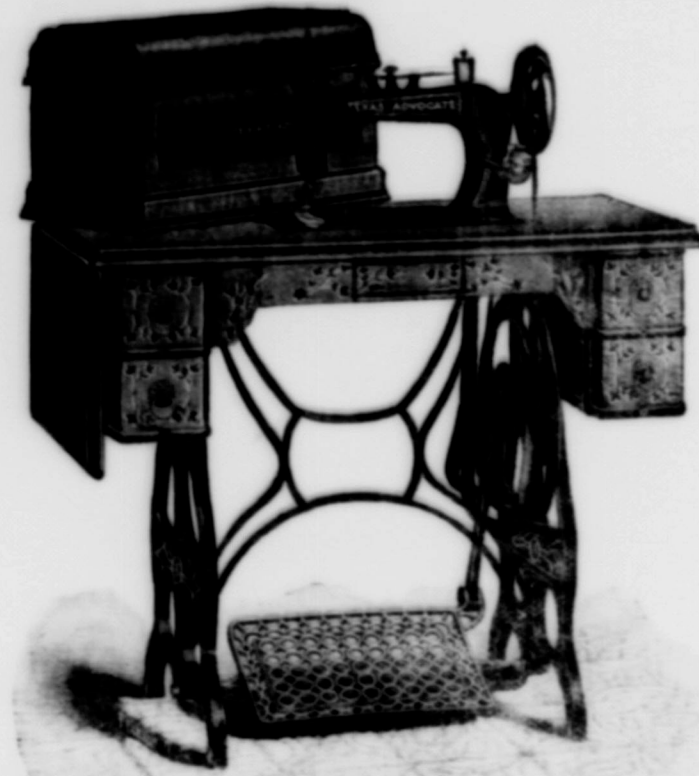


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FROM CALIFORNIA.

I wish to say to my friends, through the Advocate, that I am in my new home in Santa Ana, Cal. All well and pleased. It looks strange to see them digging Irish potatoes on one side of the road and planting on the other.

I have just planted my garden. All kinds of vegetables in abundance here. Am getting pears and apples fresh off the trees. Meats are better than in Texas, also butter and eggs. Wife won't let me eat any eggs. She is selling them at 22 cents per dozen. Milk cows and work horses about the same as in Texas. Dry goods and groceries about the same as in Corsicana, Texas. Oranges, lemons, English walnuts and apricots pay well here—from \$100 to \$200 per acre. Other fruits pay well. A man has just set out five acres of cabbage near me. Says they will be ready for market in one hundred days. At that rate they will raise three crops a year, and some do.

This is a land of fruit and flowers. Geraniums grow on the roadside like weeds, also mustard. Fine roads, fine climate, fine health, no malaria. The old story that Southern people are ungodly here won't work now. We have never been treated better anywhere.

On Christmas Day Santa Ana was as quiet as Sunday. No fireworks to be seen or heard anywhere. They have a fine school system here. Your child goes from 5 years old until he graduates in the High School. There are no tobacco-using preachers here. (Say, that's good.)

Bro. Hall Bond Raymond is here, fat and doing well. Will soon be in his new house. "It's a dandy, too." (Borrowed from Abe Mulkey.) If any reader wishes to know any more of this beautiful country, write me, and say what you want, and you shall have it if I can find it. I am engaged to hold several meetings, first to begin first Sunday in January, 1901. Love to all that bless the old Advocate. She seems like kinfolks away over here.

J. W. LOWERY.

Dec. 23, 1900.

### NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO.

Among all the papers that come to our home, there is none more thoroughly appreciated than the Texas Christian Advocate. It comes to us like a weekly letter from our many friends in Texas, and keeps us posted as to the doings of our great Church in your great State. It furnishes us abundance of food for the intellect, as well as food for the soul. Recently we have been very much interested in reading your notes from the different sessions of all the Texas conferences. In looking over the statistical reports, as published in the Advocate, we see you have made progress along almost every line of Church work, and we rejoice with you in your success and congratulate ourselves upon being members of the great Methodist family. Your noble deeds spur us on to greater zeal in the Master's work out here, and we have taken this motto, and hope by the grace of God to realize it to the letter during this conference year: "A revival in every charge and collections in full along all lines." You Texans are so accustomed to big things that you are excusable, perhaps, if you rarely ever have a thought of your little neighbor way up upon the Rio Grande. We are here, however, in the land of sunshine, and the Lord is graciously using us as a conference to extend the borders of His kingdom. There are many obstacles to be overcome. People are cold and indifferent and hard to reach, but they yield here to the power of God and get saved as they do in other places. We fall here when we try to work a revival "up," but we

succeed when we get the power of God "down" upon the people. Our recent session showed progress in every department of our work, and although we are small in point of numbers, we are alive to the interests and welfare of our beloved Church. We have a devoted band of preachers, and they are in favor with both God and man. It is a fact worthy of note that not one of the preachers in our conference uses tobacco in any form. How many other conferences can say as much? It may interest some of your readers to learn that the New Mexico Conference, with its two districts and only twenty pastoral charges, covers fully as much territory as does the great Northwest Texas Conference, with its more than 200 pastoral charges. My district (Albuquerque) is 500 miles long, and when I start on a round of Quarterly Conferences in the southern part of the district I am seven weeks before I get to see my family again. I found my little 7-year-old-boy crying like his heart would break not long ago as I was starting on one of these long journeys, and between his sobs he said: "Papa, why don't you stay home with us? You never do stay at home more than a few days at a time." Such is part of the life of a presiding elder out West. Verily, the office is anything but a sinecure out here. But we are cheerful and happy in the work—trying to follow the example of our Lord. We noticed in the write-up of the East Texas Conference the editor of the Advocate says that conference is the only one west of the Mississippi that has paid its assessments for foreign and domestic missions in full. We also noticed, in the Nashville Advocate of the 20th Inst., Dr. Adams, reporting the same conference, says: "The assessments for foreign and domestic missions and for Church extension were paid in full for the first time in the history of the conference, and Dr. Whlener said that this was the first conference in the Church that ever paid its assessment for Church extension in full. East Texas leads." This is all a mistake. At its recent session, September 6, the New Mexico conference overpaid both its foreign and domestic mission assessments and paid every penny of its assessment for Church extension, both this year and last, as the records will show. It is easy to understand the editor's mistake, but not so easy to understand such a mistake upon the part of the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. Take off your hats, brethren—never mind if it does hurt a little! The New Mexico conference waves the banner in matters of this kind west of the Mississippi.

Our brethren, one and all, send hearty New Year's greetings to the editor, the entire Advocate force, and to all the brethren of the five Texas conferences.  
M. HODGSON.  
Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 29, 1900.

### THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Missionary Secretaries, with their helpers, are bestirring themselves at present getting ready for the great General Missionary Conference, to be held in New Orleans April 24-30. Big plans are being made for a big meeting. Over one thousand delegates have been appointed from all parts of Southern Methodism, and the committee is trying to prepare the delegates for the meeting as well as the conference for the delegates. The following has gone out to every delegate: "Our supreme need and desire is a deepening of spiritual life and the strengthening of its purpose. There is power in intercessory prayer. Will you not set apart a few minutes of each day in earnest supplication in behalf of this great gathering of Christian workers, called together to plan for the evangelization of the world?" This praying band of one thousand could easily be increased to ten thousand, and what might not result from such an intercession? The Church needs a more sensitive missionary conscience, and in no way will it come other than by prayer. The people that pray for missions are always effective for missions.

I was a delegate to the Ecumenical Missionary Conference held in New York last April, and listened to many who had become authorities on questions vitally concerning the expansion of Christ's kingdom. There were masters there at whose feet it was a privilege to sit. Then there were fellow-laborers, fresh from their sowing and reaping, who warmed our hearts as they told of whitened harvests and the cry for reapers. Such men, speaking with so much understanding and wisdom, made us want Southern Methodism impressed with the world's needs and hope as were the delegates. So, one afternoon while an experience meeting was being held in the parlors of Hotel Albert by about thirty South-

ern Methodists, Dr. James Atkins suggested the holding of a similar conference for the benefit of our own Church. The suggestion was adopted at once, and proper steps were taken by which the New Orleans Conference has resulted. To be sure, the New York Conference can not be brought to New Orleans, because the world was drawn on for New York; but the best that Southern Methodism produces will be at New Orleans. The best talent of the Church will discuss the most important questions and offer solutions for the most far-reaching problems that concern the Church. Our leaders are heading the movement, and their names are guarantee of an interesting, instructive and uplifting meeting. The following is the outline program:

Wednesday, April 24, 1901—Sermon, "Holy Spirit in Missions."  
Thursday, April 25—9 a. m., Missions in General, 2:30 p. m., Foreign Missions (departments), 8:30 p. m., Missions and Education.  
Friday, April 26—9 a. m., Domestic Missions, 2:30 p. m., Missions to the Colored People, 8:30 p. m., Laymen's Meeting.  
Saturday, April 27—9 a. m., Woman's Work (foreign missions), 2:30 p. m., Woman's Work (home missions), 8:30 p. m., address.  
Sunday, April 28—11 a. m., sermons, 2 p. m., Missionary Experience Meeting, 7:30 p. m., address, 8:30 p. m., quiet hour.  
Monday, April 29—9 a. m., Work of the Young People (Epworth League and Sunday-school), 2:30 p. m., Missionary Symposium, 8:30 p. m., address.

Tuesday, April 30—9 a. m., Our Mission Fields, 2:30 p. m., Our Mission Fields, 8:30 p. m., Prayer and Missions.

The Church may expect great and gracious results from such a gathering as this is planned to be. But its interests are too high to be directed even by man's best wisdom. The great Master must be the supreme leader in the affairs of his kingdom. Let the Church be bowed in prayer while her representatives are planning yonder. Wait not till the hour for gathering, but now let prayer and supplication be made. May God's Spirit abide on his people.

JOHN M. MOORE, Ph. D.  
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### WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.

We wonder if any of the other Churches had a better or more interesting service than we had at our church watch-night? Our pastor, Rev. J. R. B. Hall, called on the Epworth League to arrange a program to be rendered on that night. Bro. S. T. Cherry, as President of the League, and the Secretary promptly responded with one, inviting all the different denominations to take a part. It consisted of recitations, papers, select readings, talks, one of which was a contrast between eighteenth and nineteenth century spirituality, by R. E. B. Shope, of the Missionary Baptist Church, and a sermon by our pastor, in which the Twentieth Century Movement was forcibly and beautifully commented upon, and just think, at 11 o'clock, without any refreshments (the weather being rather unpropitious for arranging for such), a great power and liberty was given Bro. Hall in that sermon. These, with prayers, songs, solos and duets, were interspersed. Shortly before 12 o'clock we had an experience meeting, after which Bro. Hall, with watch in hand, announced that the old year and old century would have soon passed away, and we will have entered upon the new year and century, with all its privileges and possibilities. Each one felt the solemnity of the hour, and no doubt panoramic views of the past and future chased each other in rapid succession across the visions while the



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silence pervaded. Immediately after, "Will Jesus find us watching?" was sung, followed by an eloquent prayer as a benediction by Rev. Shope.

Thus closed one of the most beautiful and impressive services it was ever our privilege to attend.

INEZ HITT, Secretary,  
Oglesby, Texas.

### NEW YEAR'S ADVICE.

To My Eyes: Look only on the bright side; see all the beauties and be blind to the defects in the characters as well as in the personal appearance of all. Turn yourselves inward upon my heart and put to flight all evil desires.

To My Ears: Listen well to the advice of all good people, but be deaf to the voice of evil-doers. Accept the advice of a friend, but beware of the flatterer's silver tongue. Record the good things said of all, but pay no heed to the backbiter's words.

To My Tongue: Speak the truth at any cost. Be not given to sarcasm, and refrain from every sharp or unkind remark. Let all your words be chaste, as if uttered for God's own ear. Seek occasion to speak words of encouragement, and give praise where it is due. Sing praise unto God, for he has blessed me far more than I deserve.

To My Hands: Be not ashamed to do any honest work. Do some kind deed for some one every day, and spurn to do anything that is tyrannical or ignominious.

To My Feet: Willingly go where duty calls, and be quick to flee from forbidden paths. Carry me not to places of vice and wickedness, but take me where I may find companions to elevate, rather than degrade.

To My Heart: Go forth in love to all mankind—that love that puts its arms around the sinner and leads him into the fold; that love that lifts the fallen, cheers the faint and leads the blind, but leaves the soul unspotted by the world.

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